

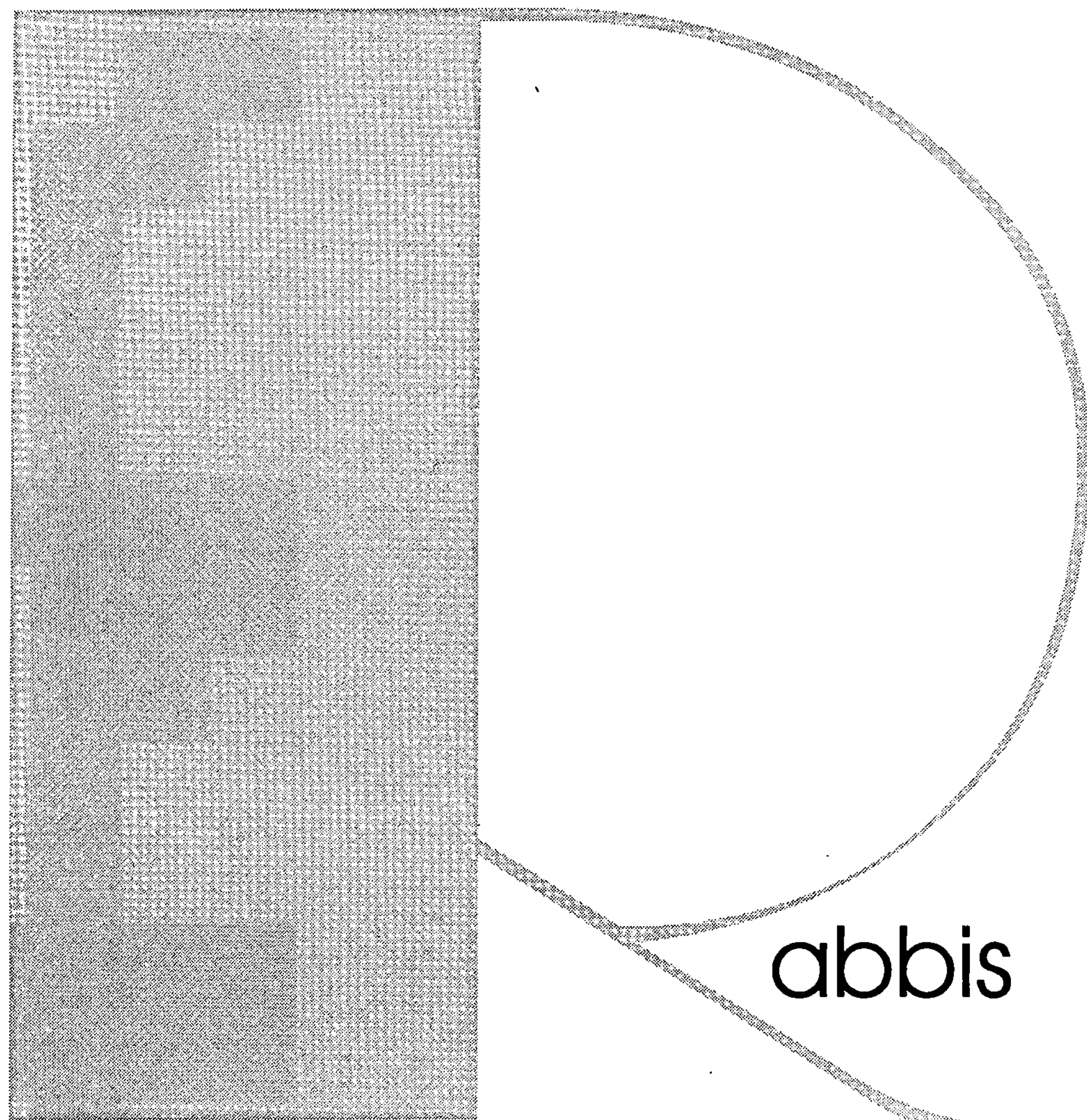
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abbis

by Richard A. Klein

**I**f all the ordained rabbis in Charlotte and Gastonia ever want to get together for a minyan, they'll make the magic ten with two to spare. For many years this was an area that just managed to attract rabbis at a time for the two congregations in Charlotte and one in Gastonia. Now it's in the process of searching for Number 13.

Not all of the present 12 have pulpits. Rabbi Marc Wilson used to be at Temple Israel and is now pursuing business interests. Rabbi Benyomin Levin grew up in Charlotte, lived in Israel and is also in business in Charlotte. Rabbi Leo Hoffman retired from an active pulpit many years ago, but is often recruited to teach or assist.

Three of the area rabbis have been or are associated with Gastonia. Rabbi David Zielonka and Rabbi Israel Gerber both served Temple Emmanuel, and

Rabbi Gerber was also with Temple Beth El in Charlotte. The current spiritual leader in Gastonia is Rabbi Leah Benamy, the only woman rabbi among the 12.

Three of the rabbis are identified with Lubavitch of North Carolina in Charlotte: Rabbi Yoseph Groner, Rabbi Benyomin Weiss and Rabbi Shlomo Cohen. Two rabbis are with Temple Israel: Rabbi Murray Ezring and Rabbi Robert Kasman.



What attracts twelve rabbis to Charlotte and Gastonia, North Carolina?

Rabbi Gerber noted that he finds no impediment to living Jewishly in this area. "It has some limitations," he said. "Jewish food can be purchased with greater ease in the supermarkets. Although there are negative feelings toward Jews here, it is at a minimum."

Rabbi Groner has seen substantial changes in the 16 years he's been in Charlotte. "I have observed the struggle of the Jewish community to break out of the small community mold and rise to the challenges of a mid-size community."

Rabbi Groner's favorite story about the area relates to an event shortly after he moved here. "I was asked by a supermarket cashier if I was an actor from New York. This got me thinking about my true role in Charlotte."

An advantage to the area for Rabbi Benamy is that she is called on weekly to provide the Jewish side to life. "I'm able to show that pluralistic, feminist views of Judaism are normative and reasonable. That's something I doubt I would have much chance of doing in an area of dense Jewish population."

Rabbi Bennett believes that being Jewish in Charlotte is "a very exciting and meaningful experience." He calls this region in which religion

is highly valued and respected. "Members of the Jewish community seem to take their religious commitment very seriously, and are enthusiastically involved in the community. Obviously, Shalom Park has contributed to the quality and vibrancy of Jewish life in Charlotte."

Rabbi Cohen believes that if you want to be involved in Jewish life here, "you have to go after it." You don't just run into it. You need to actively pursue your Judaism. Because of the relatively small number of Jews, you feel that need to get involved. Otherwise, you can just get lost."

Charlotte is blessed with a very cohesive and far-sighted community leadership, in the eyes of Rabbi Ezring. "Because the community is small, it tends to be closer than larger communities. The people who live here truly care for one another as people and as Jews." He also cites the plus-factor of Shalom Park. "It allows the entire Jewish community to share with one another and therefore feel larger than it is."

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Most of the rabbis have become deeply involved in both Jewish and general community activities. Rabbi Hoffman served as chaplain and librarian for Wildacres for 12 years. He continues to help plan the

Interfaith Institute there, as he's done for 14 years.

Rabbi Ezring served on the CRC Action Committee of the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. He's also worked on two Ecumenical Thanksgiving Services, and he led the move to allow Jews to vote absentee when elections fall on Jewish holidays.



Rabbi Bennett observed that he feels privileged to work with churches and Christian clergy in an effort to build bridges of understanding. "Sharing the visit of Mother Theresa at the Charlotte Coliseum, building a house for Habitat for Humanity, speaking at Christian churches and welcoming ministers to our Temple have all been moving experiences."

**R**abbi Gerber feels happy to have been able to open the Charlotte Ministerial Association to rabbis. The rabbi was voted Man of the Year in Religion by the Junior Women's League, served as president of Halfway House for people with emotional problems, was president of Easter Seals and he has taught courses at several colleges and universities in the area.

But there are also the downsides. In Rabbi Gerber's teachings, he has been regularly invited to consider a change in faith. "Every incoming class (at Hood Theological Seminary) was devoted to converting me to Christianity. Without fail, this was clearly evident year after year."

Rabbi Cohen is concerned about living the Jewish life in Charlotte. He said that "much effort needs to be invested in Jewish education of children of all ages. It's too easy for them to become assimilated here."

For Rabbi Benamy, the greatest difficulty is the assumption of most people that it's normal to be Protestant Christian, and abnormal to be anything else. "This makes my entire life an oddity to many people."

Rabbi Bennett also senses a "great deal" of ignorance among the Christian population as to the

many facets of Jewish life. "The highly committed Christian community seems respectful of Jews, but not fully aware of the variety of Jewish experiences in the world."

So notes Rabbi Groner: "The lack of knowledge in matters of Judaism in Charlotte is of great concern to me. This is true within the Jewish and non-Jewish community. On the other hand, the willingness to identify with one's Jewishness is unique in the South. It is indicated by the higher percentage of affiliation with Jewish organizations in Southern communities."

Rabbi Ezring believes the most difficult aspect of living in a relatively small community is the small number of observant people with whom to share "living Judaism." He says that "the small number of children who observe and the even smaller number of teenagers make it more challenging to create a committed environment for one's own children and others in the community who wish to observe."

There are signs that a sizable number of rabbis are in Charlotte to stay. Lubavitch has maintained a presence of three rabbis for several years. Rabbis Wilson and Levin returned to Charlotte to live. Rabbis Gerber and Hoffman have made the area home for many years.

**W**ith the growing number of rabbis in the area, and the Jewish knack for organization, can still another association be close at hand? At the very least, it seems destined to become a viable Federation professional category.



by Eli N. Evans

author of *The Lonely Days Were Sundays: Reflections of a Jewish Southerner*

The Evans family went to the Olympics this year to celebrate a family tradition. My grandfather, Isaac Evans of Lithuania and later,

Fayetteville, North

Carolina, decided

in the middle of

the Great

Depression

that it was

the

“American

thing to

do” to go

to the

Olympics.

For a

Jewish

immigrant in

the struggling

South, without

money or a previous

encounter with the strange

world of the American west, this was a crazy idea but

he got his 16 year old younger son (my uncle) to share

the driving all the way to California. My father, his

oldest son, was newly married with an infant son (my

brother) so he could not go and was somewhat

heartbroken.

Isaac came up with a daring scheme to finance the trip.

They filled the back seat of the Model-T with razor

blades and feenamint (a natural laxative) and traded

them for gasoline and food as they naively chugged

their way across the continent. “The restaurants and the

gas stations were glad to get it.” recalled my 80 year

old uncle, Monroe Evans, who still lives in

Fayetteville. “We’d convince them to put it right up in the window of the gas station, or beside the cash register in the restaurant and people would buy them up like hotcakes while we were standing there. It was a little unnerving as we drove and the gas gauge read empty. I had to learn salesmanship on that trip and self confidence, too, but people sensed we were honest and maybe even saw the humor in it.”

This was no smooth interstate highway trip to the west coast. “The roads were narrow and bumpy and dirt in places and we rattled all the way across America, trading our razor blades and laxatives at every stop.”

Closing the Circle in Atlanta

on my Grandfather's Trip to the

1932 Olympics in Los Angeles

The experience was the great adventure of my grandfather’s life and he loved to recount it, relishing the sheer bravado of it, fondly recalling during a family meal a funny story or an impressive site he saw. It rivaled his tales of coming to America in 1880 from Eastern Europe and his early days peddling with a pack on his back. I’m sure he told these stories, even into the 1960’s when he died, as a morality tale or a dreamscape, to encourage his grandchildren to follow their stars. My father always longed to make an Olympics trip, so in 1976, my brother Bob and I called him up and took him to Montreal. It was a great ten days of male bonding, all of us together living the Olympic dream he had always yearned for.

When the Atlanta Olympics came along, Bob and I decided to relive the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics and close the circle with Isaac’s great grandchildren.



Together with my 11 year old son, Joshua, who is named after my father, and Bob's two sons—Jason of Atlanta (aged 29) and Jeffrey of Los Angeles (aged 27), and a daughter, Julianna of Washington DC (aged 25)—none of whom Isaac ever knew, we continued the family tradition he began. It is mind-boggling to recall that Isaac was born in 1877 in a small Lithuanian *shtetl* (village) twelve years after Lincoln's death and by the time he was my son's age, was a year from coming to America alone on a boat. By the time he was the age of my niece, the first modern Olympiad had taken place and at the age of the older boys, he was living in the administration of Theodore Roosevelt. He grew to maturity before radios, cars, telephones, and all the modernity of the century we now see coming to a close. It had also been a terrible century. His *shtetl* and all the life he knew was totally destroyed by the Nazis in World War II, and America became the poetry of his life, and the Olympics his symbolic hope for a better world.

Our children joined us to pay tribute to their great grandfather's memory and to the role of the Olympics in the legend of our family. And we tried to recapture together the thrill of this former Jewish peddler sitting in an Olympic stadium. Both of his sons learned from the saga of his life that anything was

possible. Years later, they were both elected and served as mayors of their hometowns: Major E. J. "Mutt" Evans of Durham, North Carolina, from 1951 to 1963 (who, incidentally, set the half mile record for the Southern conference in 1928 at the University of North Carolina, inspired, he once told me, by Harold Abrahams, the English Olympic runner portrayed in *Chariots of Fire*) and Mayor Monroe Evans of Fayetteville, North Carolina, from 1965 to 1969—Jewish mayors of southern towns.

Isaac would not have believed what happened to us our first night in Atlanta. We were walking by a noisy restaurant where the entire Lithuanian basketball team was signing basketballs and t-shirts. The t-shirts were tie-dyed in yellow and green, designed in 1992 by the late Jerry Garcia of the Grateful Dead band to help finance the team's trip to the Olympics.

"This is *basherte* (destined)," I thought, as my son proudly explained to an astonished player that "my great grandfather was from Lithuania."

So now, my son and I wave American flags while sporting colorful t-shirts with a large "LITHUANIA" across our chests and on the back, a new world map with the logo "Live Free or Die".

"Only in America," as my grandfather used to say.

Closing the Circle in Atlanta

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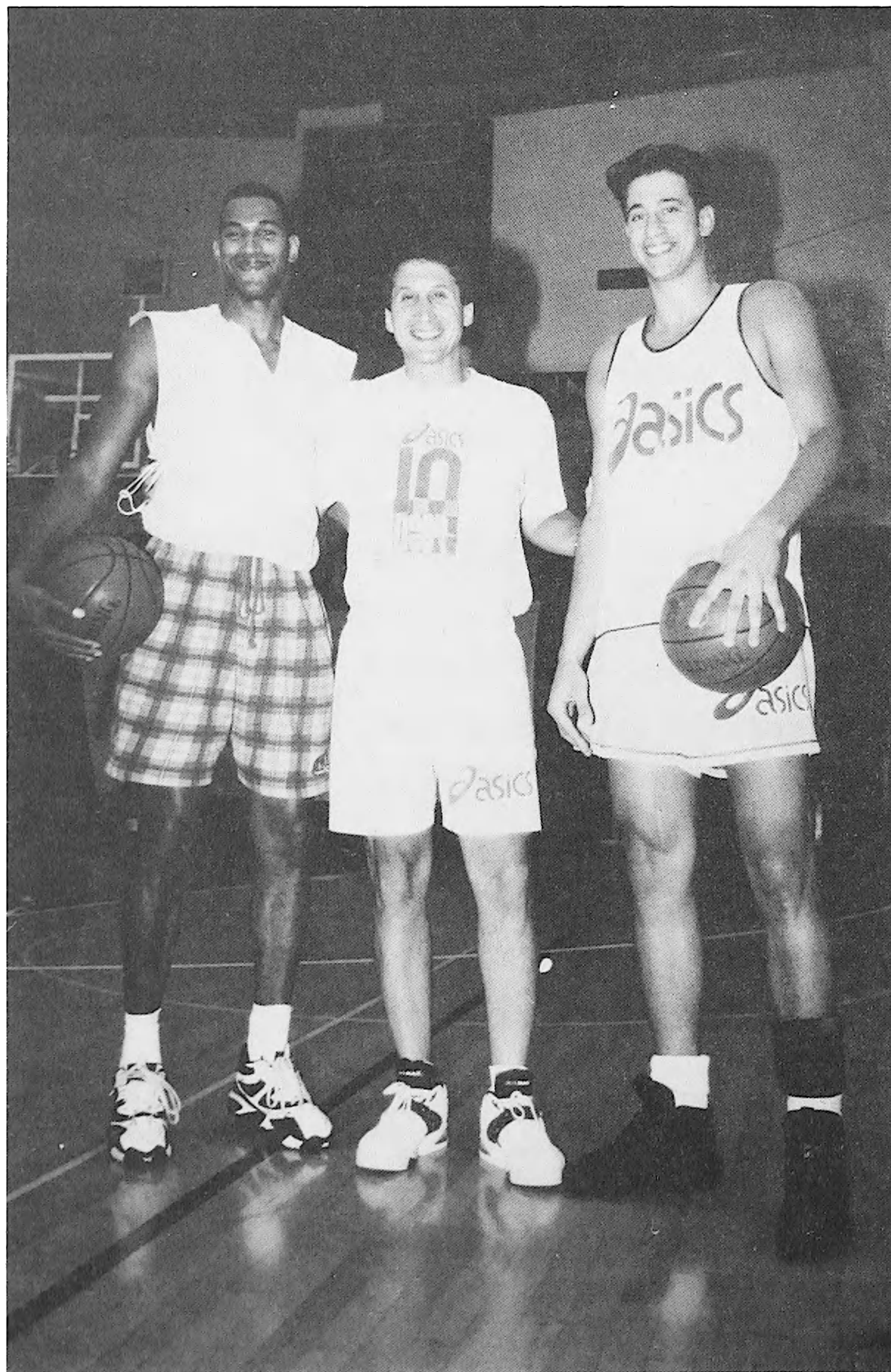
1932 Olympics in Los Angeles



# David Blatt

## *Basketball Coach Extraordinaire*

by Bonnie Rochman



*American-born basketball coach David Blatt (center) with American Andrew Kennedy (left) and Israeli Gur Shelef, members of the Galil Elyon (Upper Galilee) basketball team. WZPS photo by Aviho Shapiro.*

(WZPS) In mid-April 1996, as Hizbullah's katyusha rockets rained down upon the north of Israel, David Blatt called a team meeting. Blatt, the American-born coach of Israel's northernmost professional basketball team, gathered his players together in the gym, only 200 meters from where a missile had landed several days before, and gave them the option to leave.

"It was right before the playoffs," Blatt recalls.

"People were very nervous, but we decided to stay and gut it out."

Galil Elyon (Upper Galilee) ended up making the Final Four as a result of that decision and, even more important, raised the spirits of the battered region, which lies only miles from the Lebanese border. "We put the team on a bus and traveled every morning to different shelters to visit kids and boost morale," says Blatt, who is originally from Boston. "It lent something special to the team. It bonded us. And it had a real positive effect on the kids."

With looks of awe on their faces, children shyly handed over scraps of paper for the team to autograph. "We tried to show them that as a team we stay strong and win and that we hope they do the same," says Blatt, who, along with the players, handed out board games to children and answered questions.

Visiting the children was one way for Blatt and the team to use their influence as role models outside of competition. "To me, basketball is more than



just a game,” says Blatt. “Sports figures need to set an example for youth in health, fair play, goalsetting and achievement.”

On the court, Blatt, decked out in a red sweatshirt emblazoned with both the Fila emblem and Galil Elyon, written in Hebrew, speaks in English for the benefit of the three American players. “Most Israelis understand English, but I talk in Hebrew if the foreign players aren’t around or if I notice someone doesn’t understand.”

Anyway, he rationalizes, “basketball is a game that was meant to be taught in English. It was created in America. The terminology just doesn’t transfer. I don’t mean to sound ethnocentric, but ‘Take the Charge’ simply doesn’t work in Hebrew.”

After graduating from Princeton University in 1981, Blatt moved to Israel, where he had played on the US Maccabiah team that won the championship that year, and signed a three-year contract to play for Maccabi Haifa, one of 12 professional teams in Israel. “I was looking for a chance to continue my basketball career and to experience something different,” he explains.

When his contract ended, Blatt left for Atlanta, where he went to work for Xerox. But he missed being in Israel, where he had mastered Hebrew and felt part of society. “In the US, people in the street are very friendly and polite but are more closed and reluctant to take you in. Here it’s the opposite.”

He also appreciated the enthusiasm Israelis showed for athletics. “Israelis really like sports.

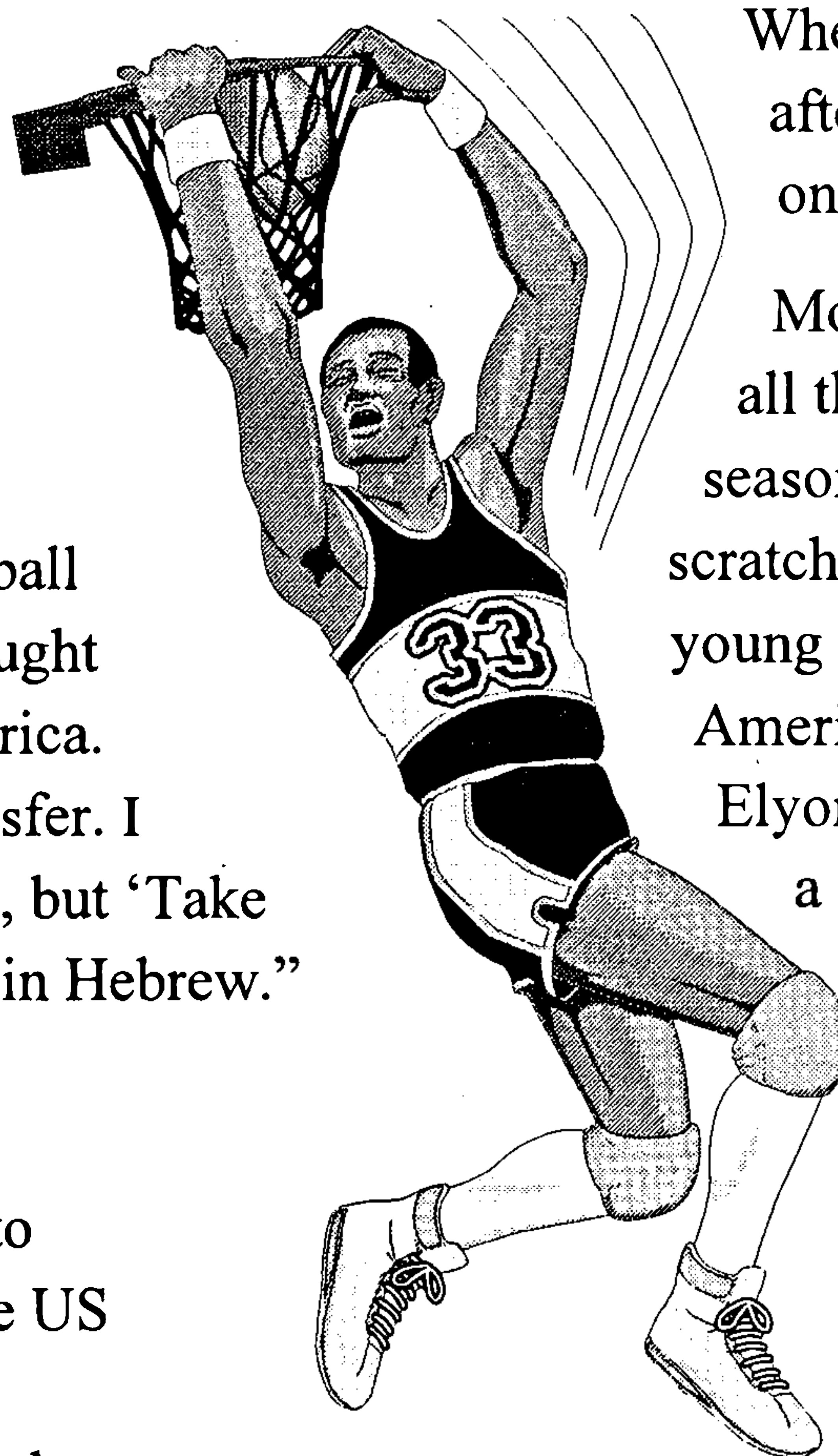
They’re vocal sports fans — not passive — and very opinionated.”

So in 1986 he returned and spent the next seven years playing for teams in Jerusalem, Netanya, the upper Galilee and Hadera, where he tore his Achilles tendon badly enough to put an end to his career. Shortly after, he accepted an offer to become the assistant coach of Galil Elyon.

When the head coach was let go soon after, Blatt found himself in charge, only 11 games into the 1993-94 season.

Money problems forced Blatt to release all the players at the end of the next season and Galil Elyon had to start from scratch. He began building a team of all young players, except for the captain, American Andrew Kennedy, Blatt’s Galil Elyon teammate in 1988-1989, and within a short time Blatt had put the upper Galilee on the map for reasons other than politics. Galil Elyon did so well that it qualified for next year’s prestigious European Cup Winners Cup, a league of teams mostly from Europe that finished at the top of their league. “We had a great season,” says Blatt. “We made the Final Four, finished third place and went to the semi-finals of the country cup.” On top of that, Blatt was named Israel’s Coach of the Year.

On nights he’s not coaching, Blatt works as a basketball commentator for Israel Television, providing insight into NBA and Israeli matches. He also offers clinics to kids around the country, combining his love of the game with his desire to have a positive impact on Israeli youth. “A good part of the clinic is about teaching life lessons, as well as basketball skills,” he says. “I feel I have a responsibility to this country — to give something back in return for all the opportunities it’s given me.”





# The Mauerbach Benefit Sale for Victims of the Holocaust and their Families

A Sale Conducted by Christie's on Behalf of the Federation of Austrian Jewish Communities

A tragic chapter in Holocaust history will come to a close with The Mauerbach Benefit Sale on October 29 and 30 at the MAK-Austrian Museum of Applied Arts in Vienna. This is the first-ever international auction to offer heirless art that was taken by the Nazis during their pandemic



looting of Europe and it will serve as an extraordinary testament to both the victims and the survivors of World War II. Christie's will conduct the sale on a non-profit basis on behalf of The Federation of Austrian Jewish Communities, to whom the Austrian government transferred ownership of the confiscated property last year. Proceeds

from the sale will benefit Jewish and non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust and their families. The dispersal of these funds will be overseen by an international honorary committee co-chaired by Ronald S. Lauder, chairman of Estee Lauder International, and Edgar M. Bronfman, chairman of The Seagrams Company Ltd.

"By holding this important sale, we are representing the Jewish community of today—many of whom survived the atrocities of World War II—as well as honoring those who perished at the hands of the Nazis," said Paul Grosz, president of The Federation of Austrian Jewish Communities. "While this sale closes a chapter as far as the fate of the Mauerbach property is concerned, as the first international auction of works handed back to a Jewish community, it marks a very significant step in the wider issue of restitution."



"Christie's is honored to be lending its expertise and services to this worthy effort," said Lord Hindlip, chairman of Christie's International plc. "The fact that this auction is taking place and that the proceeds from the sale will benefit victims of the Holocaust and their families is a very positive step forward."

During the years between 1938 and 1945, the Nazis conducted one of history's most systematic plunderings of art objects, including paintings, sculptures, furnishings, rugs, books and coins. In the beginning, many Jews were forced to "donate" their artworks

in exchange for exit permits to cross the sealed Austrian borders. Soon after, works simply were confiscated from Jewish homes and secreted away in hiding places—from castle dungeons to deep mountain mines. Most of the works offered in this sale can be traced back to their hiding place in the salt mines of Altaussee, Austria, which also housed Hitler's personal cache of looted property and those works destined for his planned museum in Linz. At the end of the war, the Allies began the daunting process of trying to return thousands of objects to their owners and established the Munich



Collecting Point as their head office. Their efforts led to the successful identification and return of more than 10,000 objects within

heirless objects to benefit those who suffered during the war and their families, will help to bring one of the most tragic and poignant episodes of



the last decades.

the war to an end.

Thousands of objects, whose owners could not be traced, were eventually stored in a 14th-century Carthusian monastery in Mauerbach, just outside of Vienna. The monastery housed all the works, with the exception of objects such as coins and tapestries which required special storage conditions. In 1995, the Austrian government transferred ownership of the Mauerbach property to The Federation of Austrian Jewish Communities, which has been the legal and official representative of Austrian Jewry since the 18th century. The auction of these

The works to be included in the Mauerbach sale provide a window into the world of Austrian Jewish family life and culture before the war, and reflect the well-educated and wide-ranging European tastes of the time. Representing artists from France, Italy, Russia, Germany, Holland and Austria, the group includes approximately 150 paintings and drawings by Old Masters and more than 900 works dating from the 19th century, as well as sculpture, coins, carpets, tapestries and textiles, arms and armor, books, sculpture, ceramics and

glass, silver and works of arts, furniture and frames. The 878 lots in the sale represent some 8,000 objects and carry estimates from \$75 to \$110,000; in total they are conservatively estimated to realize \$3.5 million.

"The range and quality of the works of art in the sale is impressive; a number of pictures by artists whose work is rare at auction are included, as are several important discoveries of works thought to be lost, most notably a marble portrait head of Alexander the Great -

previously unrecorded work by Pietro di Francesco degli Orioli (1458-1496), *Madonna and Child with Saints John, Bernardino, Mary Magdalen and Jerome*, which is similar to a work in the Ashmolean at Oxford (estimate: \$75,000-\$100,000/ATS800,000-1,200,000).

Alexander Archipenko's work, *Carafe*, was recorded as having been destroyed (1887-1964) (estimate \$61,000-\$93,000/ATS650,000-1,000,000). The picture is one of few works by



dating from the third century B.C.," said Lord Poltimore, head of Christie's 19th-Century Continental Picture Department. "Despite having been stored in the Mauerbach monastery for decades, the majority of the works are in excellent condition."

Highlights include a



the artist (estimate \$61,000 - \$93,000/ATS650,000-1,000,000). The picture is one of few works by the artist which is not in a public collection. It is an example of "Sculptomalerei," which Archipenko defined as "sculpto-painting."

Nineteenth Century Continental European



pictures—landscapes, seascapes, genre, classical and folklore scenes, mainly by Austrian and German artists—form a large part of the sale and the foremost artists of the day are represented.

Several architectural studies and *capriccio* views in and around Vienna, Rome, and Venice by Rudolf von Alt (1812-1905) include *Lori Gerl's House, Salzburg* (estimate: \$38,000-\$51,000/ATS400,000-550,000), which demonstrates the virtuosity of this brilliant and meticulous draftsman, as does his view of *A Flower and Vegetable Market* (estimate: \$24,000-\$30,000/ATS250,000-350,000).

*The Oriental* is a magnificent portrait by Friedrich von Amerling (1803-1887), one of the foremost Austrian portraitists of the last century, which cleverly combines intimate genre with portraiture to present an idealized image of life (estimate: \$47,000-\$74,000/ATS500,000-800,000). The picture is a recorded version of



a well-known work and was commissioned by Graf von Kolowrat.

A portrait of Von Amerling himself, shown at his easel, by another prominent artist, Carl Christian Vogel von Vogelstein, is also included (estimate: \$30,000-\$47,000/ATS320,000-500,000). This portrait is thought to be a pendant to a reciprocal portrait of Von Vogelstein by Von Amerling in the National Gallery in Berlin.

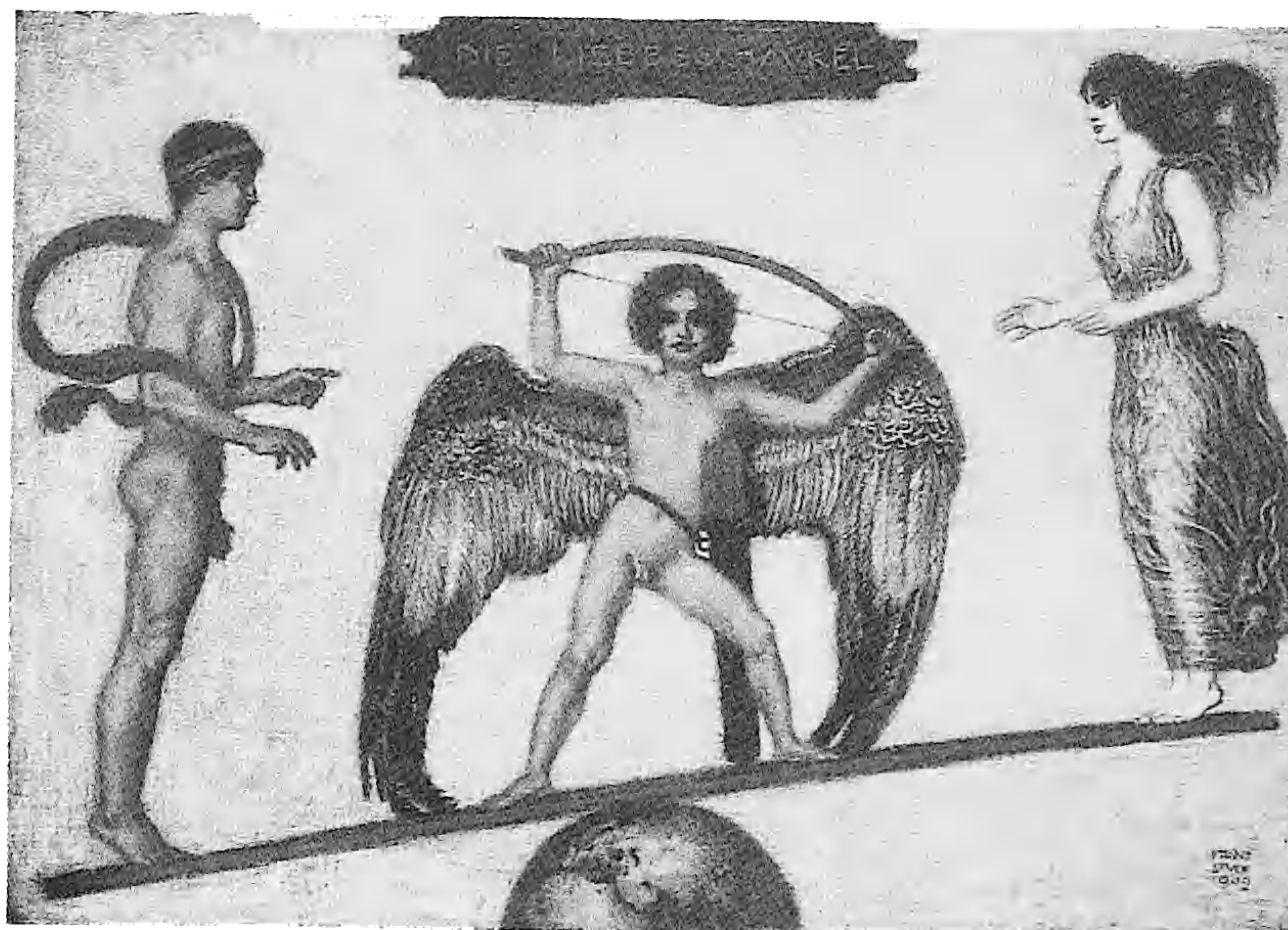
Four works by the great Austrian Biedermeier artist, Wilhelm von Kobell, featuring riders in landscapes are offered with estimates ranging from \$24,000 to \$46,000 (ATS250,000-500,000). Other works include: Ludwig Knaus's *In the Shtetl* (estimate: \$47,000-\$74,000/ATS500,000-800,000); pictures by Hermanus Koekkoek, Eduard von Steinle, Franz von Stuck and Franz Winterhalter; portraits, including those of General Molke and Furst Otto von

Bismarck, by Franz von Lenbach; and several works by Hans Makart, including the ceiling decoration for the Library of Palais Dumba, Vienna.

Old Masters include the stunning picture, *Young Woman Arranging Flowers in an Urn*, by Abraham

will be included (estimate: \$9,300-\$12,000/ATS100,000-130,000).

Other Old Master Paintings include: *The Interior of the Temple of Diana, Nimes* by Hubert Robert (1733-1808) (estimate: \$30,000-\$47,000/ATS320,000-500,000);



Brueghel (1631-1690) and Guglielmo Cortese, il Borgognone, (1628-1679), two artists who collaborated in still-lives in Rome in the 1660s, (estimate: \$47,000-\$60,000/ATS500,000-650,000).

An exquisite portrait miniature, which Christie's has discovered to be a portrait of the Grand Duchess Alexandra Pavlovna of Russia, elder daughter of Tsar Paul I, by Augustin-Christian Ritt (1765-1799), the most important Russian miniaturist of all time,

an evocative landscape, *The Cascata delle Mamore at Terni* by Jan Frans van Bloemen, called Orrizonte (1556-1626) (estimate: \$15,000-\$23,000/ATS160,000-250,000); still-lives by Frans Snyders (1579-1657) and Abraham Mignon (1640-1679); *A Boar Hunt* by Joseph Stephan (1709-1786) (estimate: \$24,000-\$30,000/ATS250,000-320,000); and two rare works by British Neoclassicist William Hamilton (1750-1801).

Old Master drawings include works by



Tiepolo, Le Sueur and Carstens, while prints include a *Panorama of Constantinople from the Tower of Galata* (set of 8) and views of

decree of privileges for Jewish Bohemia issued by Francis II in 1797 and grants of arms to the Moser and Heer families.



Vienna by Johann Ziegler (1750-1812) and Karl Schutz (1745-1800).

The property also includes parcel-glitz and polychrome religious figures, bronzes, portrait busts of artists and composers, Oriental and European porcelain, including Dutch Delft, Meissen and Thun pieces, Italian maiolica and glass, silver, European and Islamic carpets, Rococo, Biedermeier, Neoclassical and Victorian furniture, 16th and 17th century Flemish, French and Italian tapestries and arms and armor.

Holy Roman Empire documents are among the books, manuscripts and pamphlets in the sale, highlighted by a

The works of art in the sale will be sold without reserve and are fully illustrated in a special catalogue which serves as historic documentation to this important event. The catalogue is available through Christie's for \$50 (L35, both prices exclusive of postage). To reserve a catalogue, please call #(800) 395-6300.

Objects to be sold on October 29 and 30 will be on public view at the MAK-Austrian Museum of Applied Arts in Vienna beginning October 22 through October 28, coinciding with the museum's exhibitions celebrating Austria's millennium.

When these works of art, which have languished in darkness

for so long, are once again brought out into the light, their unique provenance will be honored. The Mauerbach Benefit Sale is an auction that has been 50 years in the making and helps mark the end of a tragic and senseless period in world history.

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# BOOKS MOVIES BOOKS

## **GOD: A Biography**

by Jack Miles

Vintage Books 464 pp. \$15.00 paperback

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

This much reviewed work must be approached at the outset with the understanding that Jack Miles, the author, is a serious student and literary critic. As a former Jesuit, he pursued his religious studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

He views the Bible as a great literary work, and his analysis reflects a factual evaluation from a neutral perspective without religious overtones. He is apparently well learned in Hebrew and Jewish sources and he supports all of his opinions with accurate quotations, beginning with Genesis, following through all of the books of the Hebrew Scriptures.

We are all, this author wisely reminds us, immigrants from the past. Yet, God appears in the beginning without a past. He is introduced as the Creator, and his role is thereafter totally in relationship with humanity. This study of God begins with the background of previous religions in the area in which Judaism arose. It continues to consider the many aspects of God, the struggle of God with himself, as Jack Miles sees Him in the Tanakh. By the way, he consistently uses Hebrew words in his references.

The Bible has exerted more influence over people than any other work of literature, to be sure, in the many ways scholars, theologians and everybody else in the western world has read it.

The character of God is examined book by book, with faithful reference to the original languages, for Jack Miles is familiar with Near Eastern languages, in which he earned a PhD at Harvard. This is not meant to be a religious work, but a carefully detailed analysis of the Bible as a work of art. It is also an excellent review of the entire Bible, all of its Books, and a great deal easier to understand. It is rich in philosophy and needs to be read slowly and thoughtfully, for it is weighty with nourishment for the mind.

Since its publication in March of this year, it has been reviewed in all major publications in glowing depiction. This is not just another of the countless publications in catalogs of books about the Bible. There is none to compare to GOD; A Biography, by Jack Miles. It is one of the most important books of 1996 and well worth the reading.

## **Ruth's Journey: A Survivor's Memoir**

by Ruth Glasberg Gold

University Press of Florida

312 pp. \$34.95

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Since the hometown of this Holocaust survivor, Ruth Glasberg Gold, is close to the place my husband was born, her story is of particular interest to us. Also, Andrei Codrescu, popular commentator and poet on National Public Radio, is quoted as saying that but for an accident of time, he could have been slaughtered, because his birthplace was the same. Lucky for me that he was born too late, and that my husband came to the U.S. in 1919, since both of these guys brighten my life.

In 1941 Ruth Glasberg was eleven years old, where she and her family had been living a contented, middle class life. They might have been saved, but for pride, by relatives. Her parents, especially her father, were Orthodox Jews who believed that God would be their help in time of need. Instead, this child witnessed the murder of both parents and her older brother, whose future as a talented violinist looked bright.

There were more than 100 concentration camps in the region known as Transnistria. Nearly a



quarter million Jews perished in those camps. This family was in one named Bershad. Somehow, the camps in that area have remained almost forgotten. That is one reason this author resolved to write her biography.

Her tale is amazing for her survival of the repeated horrors she experienced. The reader does not escape the intimate details of the suffering. Her education was advanced for her age, and she was already familiar with several languages. Her fortitude through the ravages of disease and abuse seems miraculous. Even after her rescue, she suffered the hardship of refugee camps and transfers from place to place.

On her way to Palestine the freighter carrying her was shipwrecked and she was detained for a year on Cyprus in yet another camp. Finally, she became a member of a kibbutz in Israel. Even then, her story did not end. She married a fellow Romanian when she was 28, but his home was at that time in Colombia, and she lived there with him for 14 years. Never happy there, she succeeded in getting her family, which then had two children, to move to Miami, Florida. Two years later, her husband died. It was then she felt the need of returning to her first home. In 1988 she made that journey and found little remembrance among the people she had lived with as a child.

She has created a memorial to the Jews of that portion of Europe which has received little attention in recent history.

Ruth Glasberg in America has been a cofounder of the American Branch of the Women's

International Zionist Organization and of a support group for Child Survivors of the Holocaust. Having become a registered nurse after serving as commune medic in Israel, she returned to that profession at the age of 50.

For one who has experienced nothing remotely resembling the outrageous fate of such a victim, her story is hard to believe; yet, believe it we must.

### From the Golden Age of Television, "The World of Sholom Aleichem" now on video

Asheville, NC—Independent video distributor, **Ivy Video**, announces the release of the acclaimed television production, "The World of Sholom Aleichem", for the first time on video.

Originally presented in 1959, the play was a critical favorite with a cast reading like the Who's Who of Broadway and the glory days of television. Among the stars are Zero Mostel, one of Broadway's greatest talents, Nancy Walker, recently delighting younger viewers as Rhoda's mother on *Nick at Night*, and Gertrude Berg, world famous as both TV and Movie's Molly Goldberg.

Sholom Aleichem, known as the master Yiddish storyteller offers up a trilogy of classic stories. "A Tale of Chelm" deals with a bookseller who is sent to a town full of fools to buy a goat. "Bontche Schweig" follows the path of a poor, defeated man who dies and goes to heaven and when asked what he would want the most, his answer brings tears to the eyes of angels. "The

High School" portrays a couple's efforts to get their son into a non-religious high school—a story of one small but persistent effort to break out of segregation.

The *New York Times* said the play was "...theatre of gentle beauty, compassion, and social protest. . ." *Newsday* raved, "...beautifully acted and sensitively directed. . .entertainment was cerebral exercise thrown in for a bargain. . .don't miss it." and *The New York Daily News* was equally impressed "rich in humor, warmth, and understanding. . .good theatre for all."

Set for a September 24 release, "The World of Sholom Aleichem" has a suggested retail price of \$29.95 and IVY is offering a HEBREW NEW YEAR discount of \$5 per tape for all orders received by September 30.

Other titles due out in 1996 include the debut of IVY's FRENCH COLLECTION series featuring subtitled versions of classic French films. The first three releases; "Her Bridal Night" with Brigitte Bardot, "Love and the Frenchwoman" with Jean-Paul Belmondo, and "The Umbrellas of Cherbourg" with Catherine DeNeuve are slated for a November release.

For further information on these and other classic videos, *Ivy Video* can be reached at (704) 285-9995.

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## 49th B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism I at Wildacres

A Tapestry of Jewish Thoughts was presented at Wildacres August 12-15 by Norman Pliner, chairperson, and his committee. They were Sherry Bernstein, Sandy and Stan Deckelbaum, Betty and Richard Deutsch, Sylvia and Abe Holtzman, Retha and Bill Jasper, Hilda and Herb Learner, Ronni and Marvin Marblestone and Myra and Bernie Misek.

There were lectures by Ruth Barlas in Yiddish and English on writings of Mendele Moykher Sforim, said to be "Grandfather of Modern Yiddish Literature," another on I.L. Peretz, romantic-realist and rebel with a cause, and one talk on "Tevye's Daughters: Precursors of our Time."

Ruth Barlas teaches at Palm Beach Community College in Boca Raton and Lake Worth FL, classes in

Yiddish Language, Literature and Theatre. She received her BA degree from Brooklyn College and an MA at Columbia University. She is a popular lecturer and actress.

Kenneth Stein, one of the foremost authorities on the Middle East, professor at Emory University, has been a welcome speaker at Wildacres in recent years. His talks were on "The Israeli-Palestinian Negotiating Track," "The Syrian-Israeli Negotiating Track," and "An Analysis of the 1996 Israeli Parliamentary Elections." He has been main advisor on the Middle East to President Jimmy Carter since 1982. He travels frequently to that region and has met with heads of state in the area. He is Director of the Middle East Program at the Carter Center at Emory University, Atlanta.

Dr. E. Lee Bernick is Acting Head of the Political Science Dept. at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He holds a PhD from the University of Oklahoma, with specialties in state and local governments. His topics at the Institute were the U.S. election process, the American electorate, how the Electoral College works, voting behaviors in areas within the U.S., and differences in political ideology by religions.

All of the lectures were attended with enthusiasm by members of the B'nai B'rith Institute. This group has held annual sessions at Wildacres longer than any other group, since 1948, and will celebrate its 50th year in 1997. This B.B. Institute, the first in the U.S. was formed by Maurice Weinstein, Charlotte attorney of blessed memory. Other institutes followed in other places in this country.

Evening entertainment was a trio of lively musicians, featuring Tanja Solnik, versatile soloist. Though still in her 30's, she has performed for 25 years, having appeared with Molly Picon, star of the Old Yiddish Theatre. She is known for a recording, "A Legacy of Lullabies." Her extensive repertoire ranges through songs in English, French, Latino, Hebrew and Yiddish. She sings music from the popular, through jazz, Jewish art and folk songs to Chassidic and cantorial, with unusual artistry. She lives in Nashville, TN.

All of the lecturers and performers were part of the assembly, completely in communication with the guests. The four days were rewarding in learning, entertainment and socializing.

We look forward to next year's 50th anniversary.

## Wildacres Institute of Judaism No. II

"Jews and Judaism at the Time of Jesus" was the subject of the seminar held by District Five B'nai B'rith at Wildacres August 8-11.

Speakers were Paula Fredricksen and Eric M. Meyers. Both are experts in the field of study. Dr. Fredricksen holds a PhD in History of Religions: Ancient Christianity, Graeco-Roman Religions from Princeton University, as well as a Theology Diploma from Oxford University. She has written countless articles, essays, and reviews and is in great demand for lectures. She is the author of a book which has been translated into French and Italian, entitled "From Jesus to Christ: The Origins of the New Testament Jesus."



Dr. Meyers received a PhD with distinction in Near Eastern Languages Literature, specializing in Bible. He also holds an MA degree from Brandeis University in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies. He served as Director of Judaic Studies at Duke University from 1972 to 1987. Besides having written eight books, he served as editor of the prestigious magazine, Biblical Archaeology for ten years.

The Institute was exciting and well appreciated by participants.

Topics of individual sessions were: Jewish Sectarian Diversity in the Time of Jesus; Assimilation and Jewish Identity in Roman Antiquity, The Dead Sea Scrolls, Jews and Judaism, Sepphoris "Ornament of All Galilee," and Jews, Gentiles and the Jesus Movement.

Institute Coordinators were Todd L. Savitt, A. J. Kravtin and Richard Melenson, all of whom have served in the capacity for years past.

Religious services were held for Shabbat. There was time allowed for socializing. Wildacres observes rules of Kashrut in August, during sessions of Interfaith Institute, the two B'nai B'rith Institutes, GCAR Rabbis' Kallah and Yiddish Institute.

## **Eighteenth Charlotte Yiddish Institute at Wildacres Retreat**

by Chava Lapin  
August 15-18, 1996

At an elevation of 3300 feet closer to heaven, way up in the Blue Ridge Mountains, over 100 dedicated men and women gathered again at Wildacres Retreat, the Blumenthal Foundation conference center, to

experience a long weekend of broadbased Yiddish culture, largely in Yiddish. They basked in the glow of the spoken tongue and its literature, in music, in dance, in nachas from a contingent of young Fellows, invited especially because of their Yiddish pursuits at universities and in the warm friendships grown out of many years together in this unspoiled eagle's nest. An outgrowth of the untiring effort of a few determined people Baila Pransky, coordinator, Abraham Luski, their spouses and a loyal, hardworking committee (sponsored by the JCC of Charlotte)—this annual celebration of Yiddish attracts a handful of one-time East-European immigrants with a preponderance of now mature folk whose parents and even grandparents were born in America. While most of the participants are neighboring Southern residents, others hail from Florida and Texas, through Massachusetts. They arrived on Thursday afternoon, August 15 and took leave of one another on August 18, with blessings for the New Year and the prayers that all be rejoined next year—same time, same place.

For most of 4 days they attended Yiddish workshops in language, sensitive poetry readings, learning sessions in folk, camp and klezmer music, lectures on 19th century Yiddish literature, Ruth of the Bible and American Yiddish poetry. They heard and responded to a symposium paneled by the students regarding their own future Yiddish plans and general prognostications. The daily (religious) services were especially enhanced by Yiddish translations of Torah and Prophets on Saturday morning, in tandem with the text. Evenings, folks munched on home-baked cakes, cookies, fruit and halvah, evidently a coveted treat, provided and set out by members of

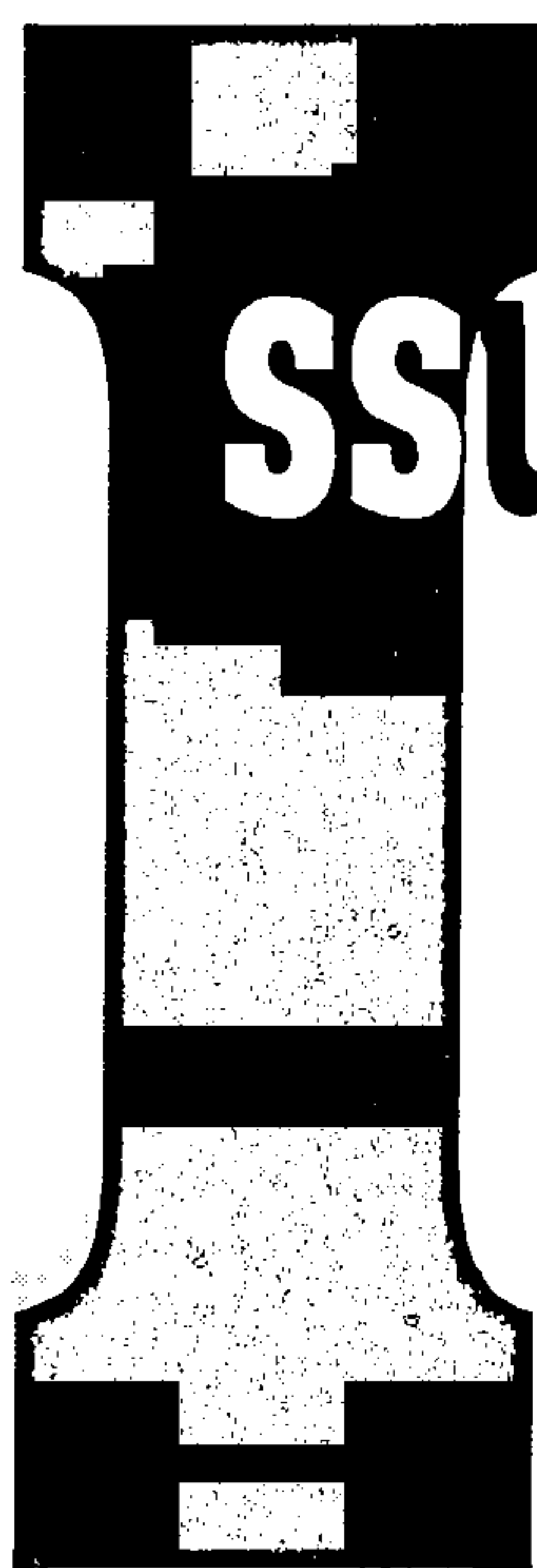
the committee. Then came the late-night entertainment, group singing and dancing, "improvised" the first evening by guitarist Marvin Bienstock, the other 2 nights by eminent pianist and composer Zalmen Mlotek (assisted one of those evenings by klezmer violinist Sarah Benor, one of the students), and Michael Alpert, klezmer singer and instrumentalist. Songs and melodies engaged the memory and the fancy of the persistent singing crowd until 2 and 3 am, ranging from Yiddish and Hebrew stock, through Russian and American Broadway—a broad panorama indeed which reflects and expresses the talents and experiences of the retreatniks.

In the evening (except Friday) and Sunday morning the gift shop committee did brisk business purveying a fine selection of books, tapes, gift items. The gathering was also treated to an unusual surprise. Unexpectedly, the Bendix-Balgley family, who live "on a mountainside" on the way to Asheville visited the retreat on Saturday evening. Their 12 year old son, Noah, already an accomplished violinist, played—of all things—klezmer music with the virtuosity and elan of a pro, to everyone's delight and admiration.

This year's workshop faculty included Mikhl Baker and Ben Rudow (Yiddish classes), Abraham Luski (poetry), Robert Friedman (musicology); Chava Lapin (Yiddish lectures), Zalmen Mlotek and Michael Alpert (music). A *yasher koyekh* is due to each member of the committee who conducted the proceedings with efficiency and southern charm, from welcome and registration on Thursday through all the activities, until parting on Sunday—Abraham and Rosa Luski,

*Continued on page 21*





# Issues of Aging & Health

## For Older Adults & Their Children

**Dor L'Dor**  
**Generation To Generation**

by Marvin Bienstock

*Dor L'Dor is a monthly support group for persons involved with or concerned about the problems of aging for a parent, relative or spouse. It was made possible through the Blumenthal Jewish Home in Clemmons North Carolina and co-sponsored by Beth Shalom Synagogue, Chabad-Lubavitch of S.C., Columbia Jewish Community Center, Columbia Jewish Federation, Tree of Life Congregation.*

There is a Native American saying that to truly understand another person, you have to walk a mile in their moccasins. Some medical schools have put that concept into practice in order to help their students understand issues related to aging. For one week the students have to wear vaseline coated glasses, put in ear plugs, sit in wheel chairs and immobilize one arm and hand. They say that it changes, forever, the student's perspective about older patients.

Last month I had a similar, revealing experience, and we

ended up talking a lot about it at Dor L'Dor. A while back I had picked up forms for a Living Will and a Health Care Power of Attorney, but my wife and I hadn't gotten around to filling them out.

A Living Will allows you to state if you do or do not want "heroic" measures used to preserve your life. The Health Care Power of Attorney says that if you are in a coma or vegetative state and you can't make the decision about heroic measures, you grant the power to make that decision to a designated person. It all seems and sounds so logical, so necessary. Yet, we've often talked at Dor L'Dor about the unwillingness of some older adults to fill out these forms. We've shared the horror stories that resulted when there was no clear indication of what a relative did or didn't want to have happen to them when they became incapable of communicating.

So, if it is so logical and so simple, why couldn't my wife and I complete the forms?

Recently, my wife lost her father. Before he learned he was terminally ill, he had a Living Will rejecting heroic measures. But, in his last six months, he changed his mind and went through whatever procedures were possible without regard for the discomfort and pain.

As my wife and I sat over the forms we talked about the awesome responsibility of having to make medical, life determining, decisions for each other. We joked about it, a little, but then we became very serious as we thought about the possibility of either one of us not being able to communicate a desire to live, and, as a result, the "wrong" decision being made by the other.

The whole process made me think about the other questions that aging parents are often so reluctant to discuss with their children like where the parents want to live, final financial arrangements, burial arrangements, distribution of property and on and on.

Certainly, some, even many, older adults make these kinds of decisions well in advance. My father-in-law left detailed lists



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## Chai-lights

October ~ November 1996

### A Life Story Part II - Residents Participate in Art Exhibit



*At the opening reception of the art exhibit at the Green Hill Center, Fair Oaks resident Beatrice Goodman stands in front of a photo-collage depicting pictures she has painted during her lifetime.*



Residents and staff of the Blumenthal Jewish Home participated in an unusual art exhibit held recently at the Green Hill Center for NC Art in Greensboro. The show, coordinated by Beatrice Schall, artist and curator, was part of a two-part exhibition and intergenerational community outreach project. Ms. Schall was inspired to produce this project after visiting her parents at a home for the elderly in New Jersey and hearing the "life stories" of many individuals who were living there. Moved by their accounts, Beatrice Schall wished to provide a means for the elderly in her own community to share their stories using visual or written form. The present exhibition, A Life Story Part II, included art work from residents of three facilities for the elderly and proved to be very diverse, expressive and especially moving.

The entries from the residents of Blumenthal Jewish Home were

presented with the assistance of the activity staff and a family member. The varied art works document aspects of the residents lives and together illustrate the interconnection between art and life. The themes and formats of the pieces ranged from a photo collage entitled "A Life time of Work" which depicted over forty years of creativity in needlework produced by BJH resident Eva Kaplan to a powerful collage of both photography and written documents, entitled "Memorial", which tells the story of Herman and Rose Nove and the effect of the Holocaust on their family.

An installation piece, entitled "A Long Goodbye", assembled by BJH Board member, Linda Combs, the daughter of a resident portrays aspects of her mother's life and the devastating affects of alzheimer disease on her mother and their family. "The Soul of Alzheimers" is



a collection of handwritten notes whose fleeting thoughts, recollections from the past and feelings of the moment, tell the story of another alzheimer victim in her own words. Saved and assembled by activity therapist Gail Ruthfield, this portrait of words truly touches the heart.

Residents Bea Goodman and Flo Sag give the viewer insight into their lives with collages similar in format but very different in expression. A collage depicting awards and symbols of volunteer work represents a lifetime of volunteering and leadership for Flo Sag while the photographs of Bea Goodman's paintings show us the artist within her. In another medium a recent painting done by Helen Labell dances with colorful movement and design giving us a glimpse of a women whose life was filled with creativity.

For those unable to tell their story in any way except through the expression in their eyes and the lines carved into their faces, Activity therapist Sally Terreni captures their essence with a series of portrait drawings entitled "Emotions and Time".

This special exhibition gave our residents an opportunity to share their life stories with the community. We are indebted to Beatrice Schall who created the project and invited Blumenthal Jewish Home to participate, to the BJH Activity staff who assisted the residents in producing their entries and to the support of the Greensboro Jewish Federation, the United Arts Council of Greensboro, the NC Arts Council and the Grassroots Arts Program which helped to make the project possible.



BJH and Fair Oaks residents attend the opening reception of the art exhibit at the Green Hill Center for NC Art; pictured from the left are: Basya Yudelevich, Shirley Shane, Sally Terreni, standing, Beatrice Schall, curator of the exhibit, Bea Goodman, Florence Sag, Rose Nove, Herman Nove and Pauline Moskowitz.



Activity therapist Sally Terreni captures the faces of residents with her drawings entitled "Emotions and Time".



Rose and Herman Nove view a collage of their photographs and documents arranged by activity therapist Kathy Reagan. The piece entitled "Memorial" portrays the effect of the Holocaust on their family.



# Sue's News



*In the Fair Oaks Commons residents work on a volunteer project for the Food Bank of NC; seen from the left are: Basya Yudelevich, Hannah Ackerman and Bea Goodman.*

## Residents are Volunteers Too!



*Fair Oaks residents Therese Schwartz and Lottie Maienthau work on a project for the Food Bank of NC.*

We usually think of volunteers as individuals who choose to visit the Home and our residents for a specific purpose. They participate in activities and programs in order to provide service and to bring an extra dimension into the residents lives. However at BJH we find that some of our residents have also caught the volunteer spirit. These residents bring another dimension into their own lives by volunteering their time to assist various non-profit agencies in the area. For quite a few years BJH residents have volunteered by helping with mailings, sorting brochures and labeling materials for non-profit agencies such as the Food Bank and the Winston-Salem Arts Council. The agency needing help brings the project to the Home and residents eagerly join the work station usually set up in the cheerful Commons area.

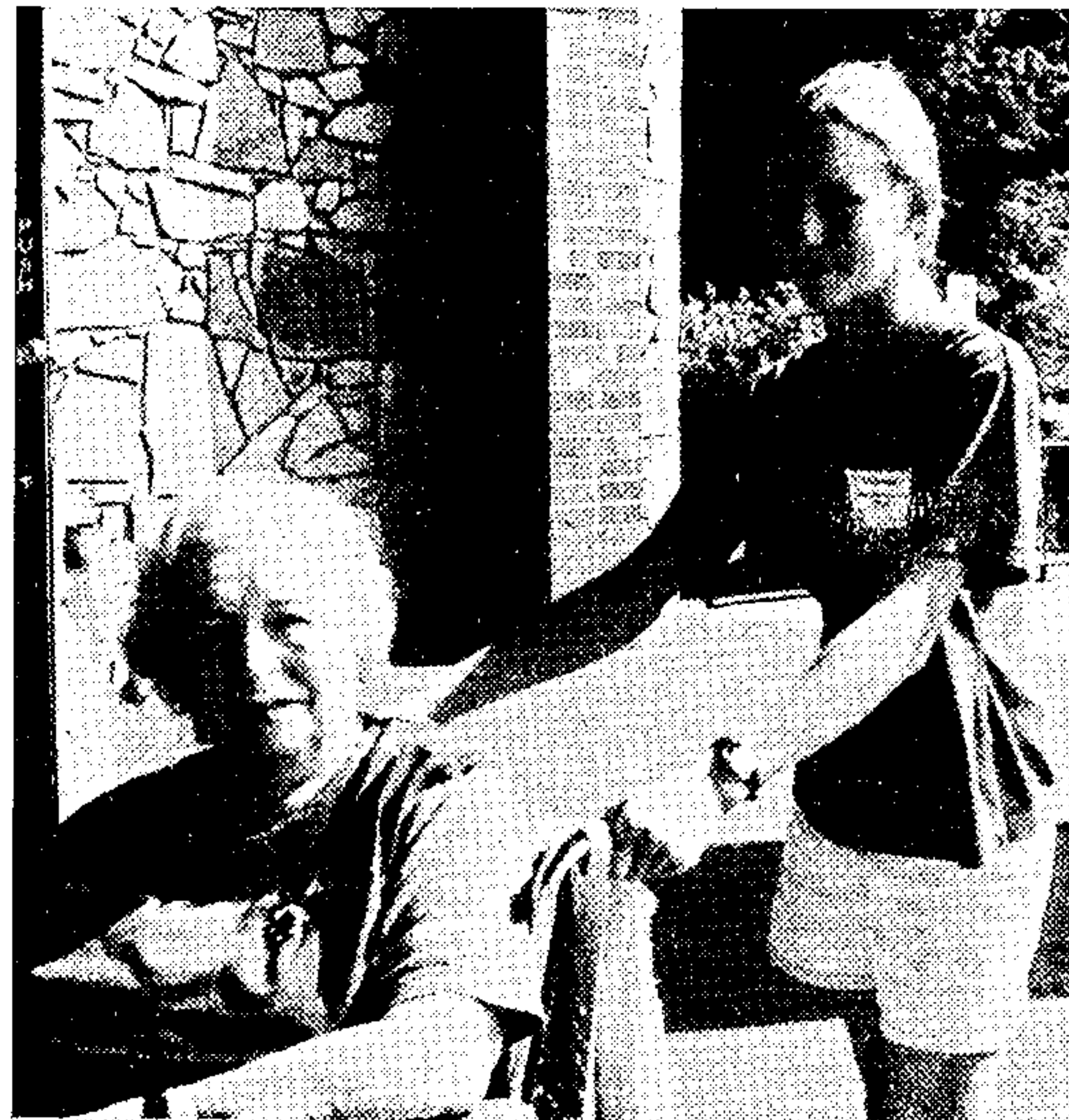
These opportunities to be of service to others allow our residents who are so often on the receiving end to also be on the giving side. For many who were active members of their communities and volunteered throughout their lives , participating as a volunteer provides satisfaction and enables the giver to feel that they are still contributing to the community in a tangible way. An added benefit for BJH residents is that the time spent involved in a volunteer project is also time spent socializing with other residents. This worthwhile activity is stimulating as well as meaningful for the resident. Blumenthal Jewish Home is always grateful for the many volunteers who share their time with us. Our residents are also grateful that they can share their time and be volunteers too.



# Summer is a time for Teens

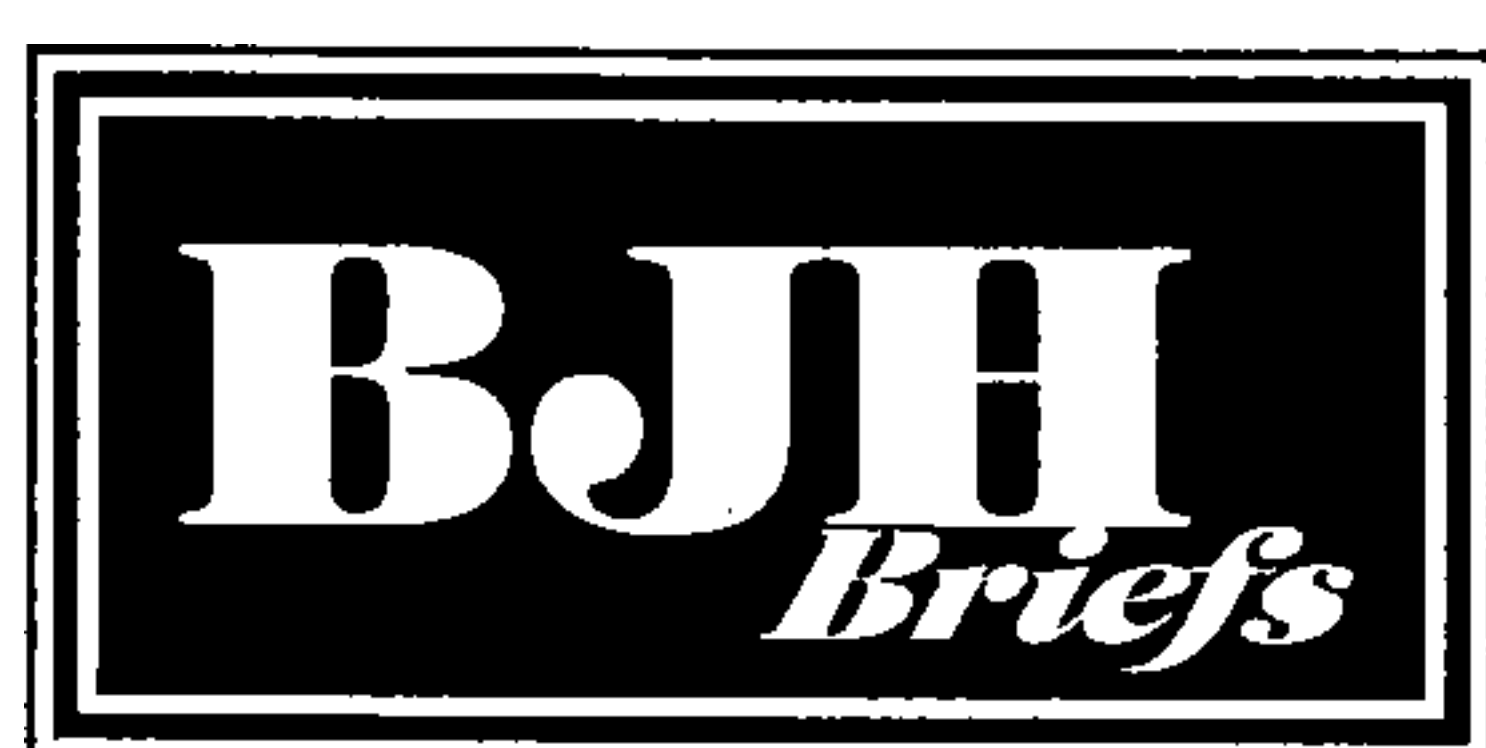
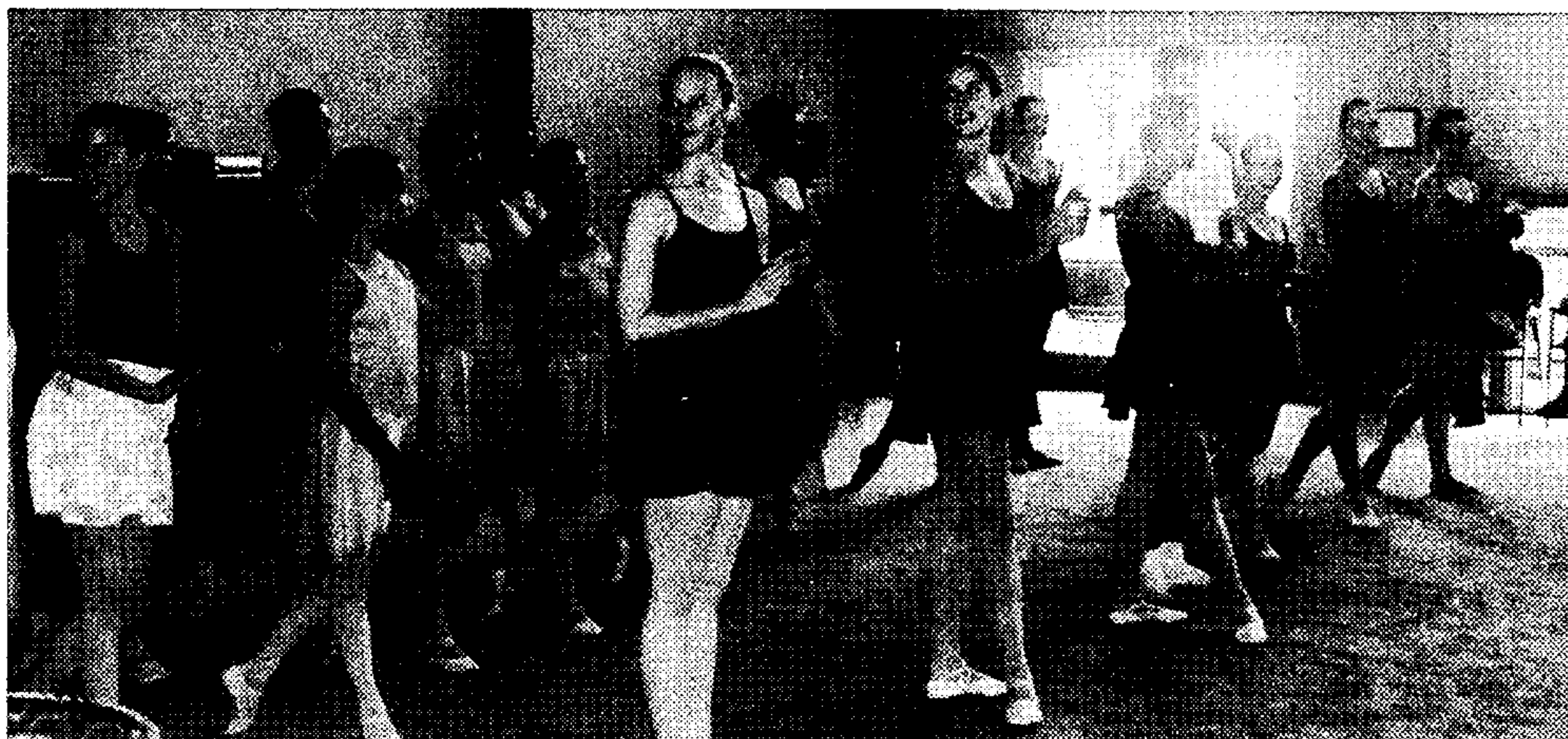
Teen volunteers kept the hazy days of summer from being anything but lazy at BJH this year. Teenage energy filled the halls and lifted spirits as our summer volunteers spent their vacation days by helping others. These young volunteers transported residents to the beauty shop, the Friendship Circle, lunch bunch and many other activities; they played games, planned parties, led special programs, shopped at the mall, assisted in the dining room and most importantly of all became friends with the residents. The teens arrived early each day with a smile and quickly spread their good cheer throughout the Home. Always gracious, generous and giving our teen volunteers brought a special youthful dimension into our residents' lives this summer.

We were most happy to add Jess and Loriann Porcari, Adria Smith, Lindsay Kasper and Brandee Howell to the BJH teen volunteer corp this year. We also welcomed Julia and Lisa Meschan from Greensboro who entertained and assisted with the summer birthday parties and the Starmount luncheon as well as other youth who joined us at special events during the summer months.



**Dancers in the Greensboro Ballet Company** and dance students participating in Summer Festival Ballet, a summer training program with the company, presented a sparkling performance at the BJH August birthday party. This was a most welcome return performance by this talented and engaging ballet troupe. Intermediate and advanced students joined the professional dance company members to present a beautiful program of modern and classical pieces. The dancers captured our residents hearts as they lifted spirits with their exhilarating performance. Our thanks to the Greensboro Ballet Company, Maryhelen Mayfield, Director and John Dennis Associate Director of the Ballet School and their dancers for this special visit.

*Teen volunteers provide a lift for summertime activities, pictured from the top are: Flo Sag with volunteer Lindsay Kasper, Herman Nove with Adria Smith and below, students with the Greensboro Ballet summer program entertain at the August birthday party.*



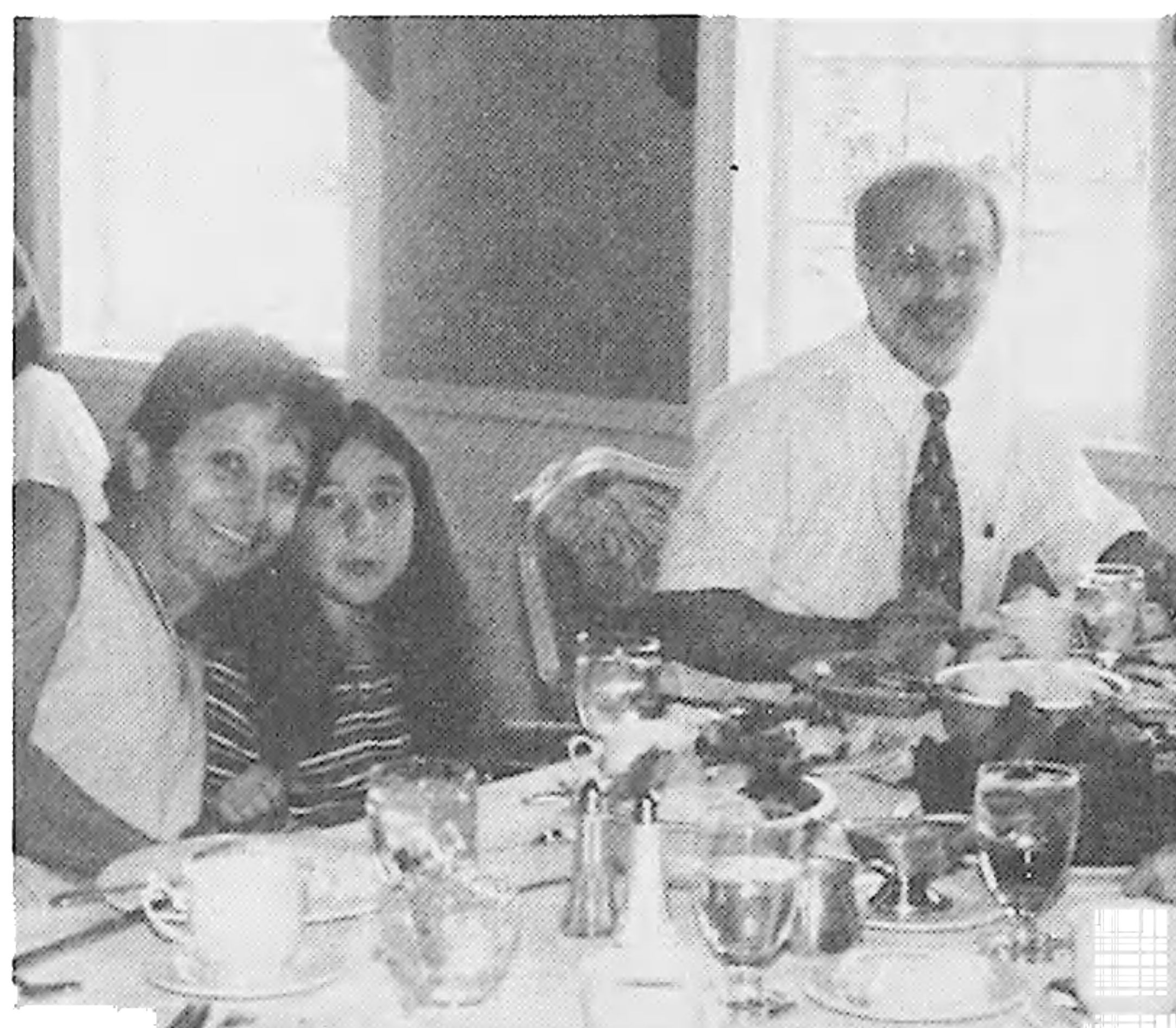




*Lisa and Julia Meschan chat with BJH resident Robert Swartz through the aid of his letter board.*

# Youth Add A Bright Touch To BJH Summer Scenes

*Residents enjoy the addition of new volunteers and youth at the Starmount Luncheon in the summer. Seen from the left are: Orna Tal, Leah Nudelman, Rabbi Fred Guttman, Fair Oaks resident Elsie Karesh, volunteer Marilyn Belenky, Fair Oaks resident Bea Goodman, volunteers Ruth Jacobs and Josie Swirin, Sally Terreni, Stephan Belenky and Sarah Nudelman.*



*Adria Smith and Lindsay Kasper assist Seth Levy with setting up the wheel chairs on the Hanes Mall shopping trip.*



*Loriann and Jess Porcari volunteer with activities throughout the Home and are seen here assisting with an art project in the Craft Shop.*



## Calendar Highlights October

# 1996

- 1 Leave for Greensboro, Sukkot Luncheon, 10:30 a.m., Fair Oaks Lobby
- 3 Sukkot Celebration with Temple Emanuel Pre-School, 10:00 a.m., Grand Sukkah
- 4 Catholic Mass with Holy Family Church, 10:00 a.m., Friendship Room
- 6 Sunday Sweets with Temple Emanuel Sisterhood, 2:00 p.m., Upper Commons
- 8 Leave for Winston-Salem, Dixie Classic Fair, 9:30 a.m.
- 10 Jewish Discussion Group, Elbert Levy
- 11 General Store, 10:00 a.m., Mansion Library
- 13 Brenner Concert "Sentimental Journey", 2:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 15 Resident Council Meeting, 2:00 p.m., B-1 Dining Room
- 16 Sing-along with Volunteers, 11:00 a.m., Upper Commons
- 17 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m.
- 18 Leave for Winston-Salem, Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 20 Mitzvah Day, Temple Emanuel Talent Show, 3:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 24 Children's Hour, 1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. Pre-Assembly
- 27 Juliette Low Birthday Party, Founder of Girl Scouts, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Mansion Library
- 31 Anchor Club Halloween Party, 3:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium

## Calendar Highlights November

# 1996

- 1 Catholic Mass with Holy Family Church, 10:00 a.m., Friendship Room
- 3 Brenner Concert "Classical Flute and Guitar", 3:00 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 5 Monthly Birthday Party with Greensboro Volunteers, 1:30 p.m., Commons Auditorium
- 8 General Store, 10:00 a.m., Mansion Library
- 12 Leave for VFW Hall Clemmons, Senior Citizens Luncheon, 10:00 a.m.
- 12 Resident Council Meeting, 2:00 p.m., B-1 Dining Room
- 15 Leave for Winston-Salem, Shopping at Hanes Mall, 9:30 a.m.
- 17 Card Club, 3:00 p.m., Upper Commons
- 19 Anchor Club from West Forsyth High School, 3:00 p.m., Friendship Room
- 20 Sing-along with Volunteers, 11:00 a.m., Upper Commons
- 21 Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, 10:30 a.m.
- 26 News and Views with Leonard Klein, 10:30 a.m., Friendship Room
- 27 Thanksgiving Day Service, 10:30 a.m., Commons Auditorium



# Millie's Musings

This has been the first year that I have been involved in helping to plan the Blumenthal Jewish Home's annual volunteer appreciation get-together. I was given the opportunity to envision and appreciate our entire group of volunteers and to realize how many hours they contribute in so many diverse activities, with so much loving care to our residents.

There are the Rabbis and Cantors who take time to present programs of Jewish content along with joyous singing, holiday celebrations and individual visits, the Greensboro volunteers who enhance their monthly birthday parties with flowers, photographs, entertainment and personal contacts and who invite our residents to the Starmount Country Club in Greensboro for a luncheon each month, The Anchor Club members from West Forsyth High School who present a program each month ranging from fashion shows to making puppets with the residents, the bingo callers, the blackjack dealers, the chess players, the bridge players, the cuddling critter owners, the singers for Friendship Circle and the Sing-along, the Gift Shop salespeople, the General Store personnel, the Mall shoppers, the Sisterhood Sweets volunteers, the current news discussion leader, the Shabbat Service leaders, the many talented individuals who provide musical entertainment at special events, the babies and toddlers who interact with our residents and the

mothers who bring them, the teenagers who help with transportation and visiting each day, the volunteers who help with typing, special mailings, delivering mail and residents correspondence, others who have reorganized and cataloged the library books, inspired purchases of large-print books and made available book lending via the book cart.

Although there have been volunteers associated with the Home, particularly in the Gift Shop, since the Home opened in 1965, the volunteer program under the leadership of Sue Clein celebrates ten years. Sue has made the program what it is today, starting from scratch and enlisting over 100 persons each year with over 4000 hours donated alone this past year.

The month of October marks my first anniversary with the Blumenthal Jewish Home as the Volunteer Coordinator. My previous contacts at BJH, as a volunteer for many years, were certainly a source of great satisfaction to me and the opportunity to demonstrate my appreciation for all of my blessings. However this past year has afforded me a different perspective, a much broader view of the benefits to be derived by both our residents and our volunteers. I feel privileged to have shared so many rewarding moments with our volunteers and the residents and I look forward to another year of working with them.



*Millie Slatkoff celebrates her first anniversary as BJH Volunteer Coordinator; she is pictured speaking to volunteers at the Annual Dinner.*



*Loyal volunteers since 1987, Kimrey and Michael Pollak call bingo every month at BJH and are pictured at a volunteer luncheon.*



*BJH resident Bernice Goldfinger enjoys a visit from a new Critter Cuddler volunteer Pam Lowery and her pet.*



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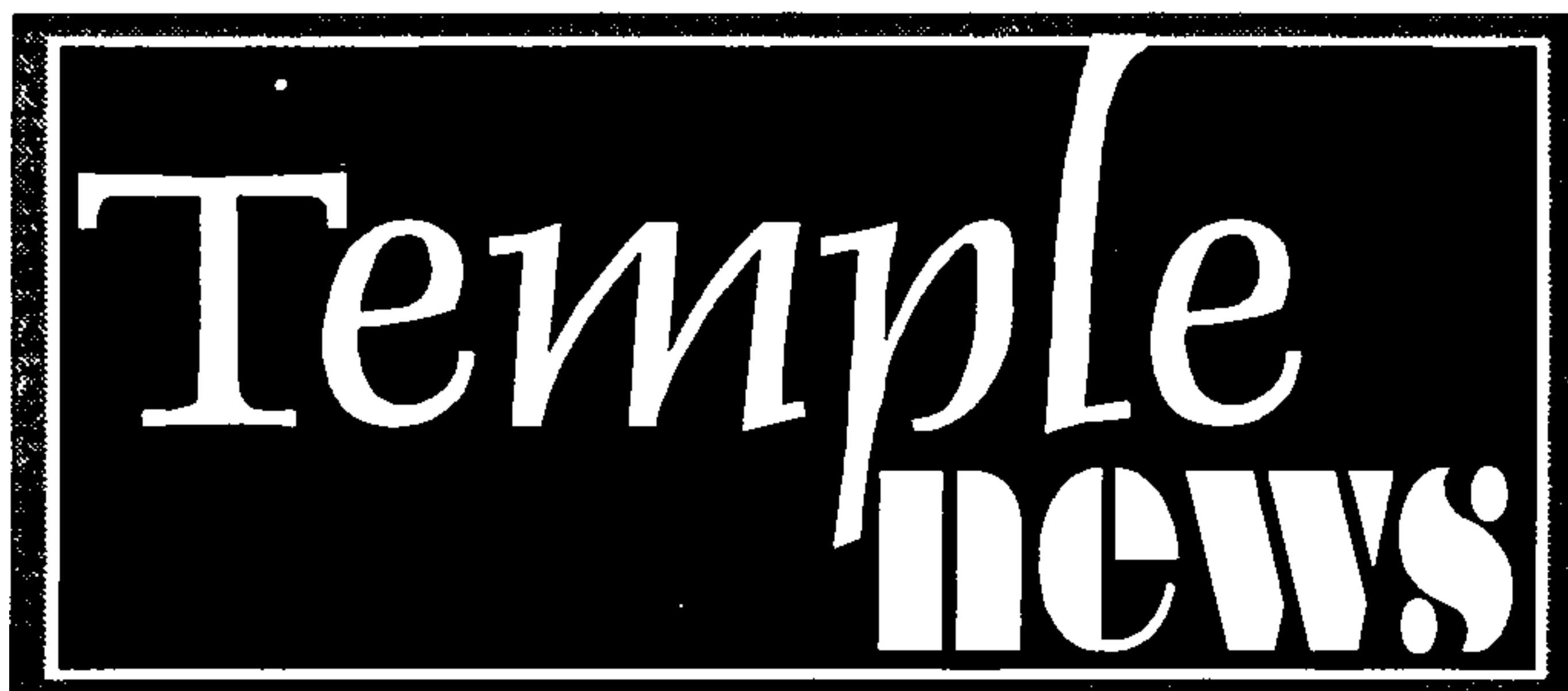
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## Temple Israel

### Charlotte NC

by Estelle Hoffman

Temple Israel will come together as a Synagogue family and community for a Gala Celebration to honor Dr. David Citron and Dr. Philip Naumoff on April 19, 1997, at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Charlotte. These two men are dearly loved by friends and highly respected in their chosen field as physicians. They will be honored by the display of appreciation by those who have benefited from years of their devoted service.

The Luski Family presented an evening of concert on Sunday, October 20, at 7:30 p.m. Featured will be Avi Albrecht of the group "Tamid" and Charlotte's own VIVA KLEZMER. There will be no admission charge.

Sukkot Services were held in the Sanctuary, with evening Kiddush in the Sukkah Friday and Saturday, September 27 and 28. There was a Hoshana Procession with Lulav and Etrog Sunday morning. Also Hoshana Rabah and Shemini Atzeret Services October 4 and 5, followed by Simchat Torah Services Saturday evening and Sunday morning, October 5 and 6, celebrated with dance and song.

The Education Endowment Fund approaches its goal of \$2,00,000 by year's end. In charge is Lou Wernick,

a former National Field Representative of the Executive Director of the National Jewish Appeal. He is employed by Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte as Director of Special Projects. He may be contacted at 704-362-2796.

Congratulations to the following September Bat Mitzvah: Susan Hope Schapiro, daughter of Barbara and Gerald Schapiro of Rock Hill, South Carolina.

We welcome with joy the following new arrivals: *Alexandra Eve Sacher, daughter of Ann and William Sacher of Charlotte, born August 14. The proud grandparents are Miriam and Alex Weinbaum of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Philip Sacher of New York. Daniel Isaac Jaramillo, son of Cynthia Ann Rosenberg and Felipe Jaramillo of Tokoma Park, Maryland, born August 14. The proud grandparents are Zava and Tom Rosenberg of Charlotte, and Amparo and Ariel Jaramillo of Bogota, Columbia. The great-grandmother is Jenny Baikovitz of Charlotte. Sydney Nicole Gorst, daughter of Debbie and David Gorst of Atlanta, Georgia, born July 17. The proud grandparents are Evelyn and Samuel Kreiger of Charlotte, and Charles Gorst of Atlanta. The great-grandfather is Frank Schuster of West Palm Beach, Florida. Joshua Eric Rotker, son of Iris and Jonathan Rotker of Charlotte, born September 2. The proud grandparents are Mira and Chaim Walne of New York and Seymour Rotker of New York.*

Welcome to our newest members: Mr. & Mrs. Kenny Abramowitz, Mr. Joell Alter, Ms. Elizabeth Baker, Mrs. Bussie Goldberg, Mr. Robert Greenberg, Ms. Robin Heiden, Mr.

& Mrs. Paul Hirschmann, Mr. & Mrs. David Lecker, Mrs. Susan Mireles, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Rosenberg, Mr. & Mrs. Guy Slann, Mr. Bryan Stein.

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Temple Israel Sisterhood conducts its annual BONDERAMA, whose winners receive \$25.00 U.S. Savings Bonds. For information contact Thelma Wertzberger at 4901 Providence Rd., Charlotte 28226.

Temple Israel's Book Club selection for October is *Her Face In The Mirror*, a collection of stories by Faye Moskowitz. The club will meet October 28 at 7:45 p.m. at the Temple. Everyone is welcome.

## Temple Beth El

### Charlotte NC

Susan Kramer

### Temple Beth El Launches Long Range Planning Process

Temple Beth El has just announced a congregational planning process under the name "Project Joseph - 5757". The purpose of the effort is to identify those programs and priorities which are vital to the future of Temple Beth El.

The name "Project Joseph - 5757" was chosen because Joseph was a visionary who cared deeply about the future and he was successful in



getting the Jewish people to look ahead and plan for their future. The year 5757 represents next year when the Temple expects to conclude the process and begin implementing the plans which the congregation and board have identified.

Under the leadership of Alan Blumenthal, Vice President of Planning and Geri Zhiss, Chairperson of "Project Joseph - 5757", the congregation will participate in the process through focus groups and a written survey. "Project Joseph - 5757" recommendations are scheduled to be made in May, 1997.

**Our First Friday Family Shabbat** was on **October 4**.

The Board of the Sr. Youth Group, LIBERTY, met on Sunday, October 6 at the Temple at 2:00 PM.

The Temple Beth El/Don Mallins Golf Tournament was held at Raintree North on October 7.

The Senior Social Club presented an evening with Rabbi Bennett's and Cantor Shepherd's "Dueling Guitars" on Tuesday, October 8.

The **Service of Healing** was held at Temple Beth El on **October 9**.

Project Joseph-5757 Focus Groups is being held on October 9, 16, & 23 and November 7 & 13 at Temple. Please contact the office for times and to reserve your spot!

The Bereavement Support Groups will meet at Temple Beth El for six consecutive weeks at 11:30 am on Thursday mornings, beginning October 10.

Lunch 'N Learn, a noontime Bible Study for busy professionals, will meet at 12:00 pm on October 14.

Contact the office for location.

2nd Mondays will meet at Temple on October 14 at 7:30 pm.

The Executive Board will meet at 5:30 pm on October 14, followed by a full Board Meeting at 7:30 pm.

**Tot Shabbat** will be celebrated at Temple Beth El on Saturday, October 19 at 9:15 am.

Temple Beth El will send a contingent to the annual Crop Walk on October 27. There will be a picnic at the Temple at 1:00 pm. Contact Jeff or Mindy Passe at 847-5267 to sign up!

Attention Seniors! Join Rabbi Bennett on October 28 at 12:00 pm for the monthly **Senior Seminar**, a lunchtime educational forum. Bring your own lunch—the Temple will provide drinks.

Mazel Tov to the following on becoming a B'nai Mitzvah in October at Temple Beth El

October 5  
**Lee Weingarten**, son of  
Andrew and Amy Weingarten  
October 12  
**Heather Shapiro**, daughter of  
David and Susan Shapiro  
October 19  
**Michael Desarno**, son of  
Jack and Susan Desarno  
October 26  
**Jeffery Gerst**, son of  
Paul and Laurel Gerst

Best wishes on the arrival of:  
Riley Klein, daughter of Amy and Robert Cohen, born June 5, 1996.

*Welcome to the following new members of Temple Beth El:*  
*Diana Ades, David and Andrea Birnbaum, Matt and Susan Coben,*

*Robert and Elizabeth Davis, Albert and Joyce Garson, Jerry and Lisa Goldberg, David and Bellita Jacobson, Neil and Janet Kaplan, David and Francine Kors, Cliff and Lois Laxer, Jay and Kathryn Levy, Kent and Suzy McKinney, Larry and Dale Polsky, Alan Rosenberg, Steven and Francine Tarlowe.*

Committee and Auxiliary Meetings for the month of October include:  
October 14  
Board of Directors 7:30 pm  
October 10  
Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
October 21  
Religious School Board 7:30 pm  
October 17  
Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
October 30  
Social Action Committee 7:30 pm

**Beth El Synagogue**  
Greenville SC  
by Rita Alexander

The Sisterhood of Beth Israel Synagogue held the annual Barbara Shimlock Torah Fund Luncheon at Beth Israel Synagogue on Sunday, October 13, 1996. This occasion honored Shirley Sarlin, selected as "Woman of Achievement" for 1996-1997.

The Torah Fund Campaign is a project of Women's League for Conservative Judaism through which members support the development, strengthening, and maintenance of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America: The Seminary, in addition to training rabbis and cantors, also educates teachers, social workers, and lay people and serves as a fountainhead of the Conservative Jewish movement throughout the world.



Shirley Honigman Sarlin, a native of Gastonia NC studied at the University of North Carolina and at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in NY. In 1947 she married Ralph Sarlin and moved to Liberty where she immediately became involved in civic and humanitarian endeavors. She was active in her husband's business, Sarlin Dept. Stores and later with him in Sarlin Business Service.

Shirley has served on numerous boards including the Pickens County Library Board, the Pickens County Museum Commission, Clemson Little Theatre, Tri County Technical Foundation, and on the Advisory Boards of the Women's Programs and also the Nursing Program at Tri-County Technical College. She is a charter Board member of the Pickens County American Cancer Society and continues to serve on that board. She served eight years as Chairman of the Pickens County Arts Commission (now called the Pickens County Cultural Commission) and is serving her twenty-seventh year as a member of that Commission. She is currently a member of the Executive Board of the Crescent Music Club of Greenville.

Shirley has served as president of the Liberty Woman's Club, the Liberty Matrons League and the Liberty Friends of the Library. She has also served as 7th District President of the S.C. American Legion Auxiliary and as Dept. Parliamentarian of the S.C. American Legion Auxiliary. In 1974, Shirley returned to college and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Southern Wesleyan University. Since then she has been busy with acting, her first love.

To encourage talented Liberty High School students, each year she presents awards for excellence in music, art and drama.

In recognition of her dedication to and promotion of the arts, the Pickens County Council named the Purchase Prize of the Annual Juried Show of the Pickens County Museum in her honor. In 1982 she was selected as Citizen of the Year by the Pickens-Liberty Lions Club. Shirley and her husband Ralph have four children and nine grandchildren.

Shirley has been an active and involved member of Congregation Beth Israel and its Sisterhood for the past 40 years. During this long period of time, she has lent her outstanding energy and support to activities, events and causes far too numerous to mention.

### **Temple Beth ha-Tephila Asheville NC**

by Marjorie Schachter

**THE BROTHERHOOD & SISTERHOOD** jointly held the annual Temple picnic at Recreation Park on Sunday, August 18, with the enthusiastic participation of what seemed to be more people than ever. The hot dogs and hamburgers, prepared by the incomparable chef Bob Janowitz and his helpers, all the fixings, the sweet watermelons were ingredients of a world-class traditional picnic. Helpers included Maurice Gettleman, Kerry Friedman, Dick Braun, Jack Bennetan, Arnie Sgan, Bob Hruska, and Bob Janowitz's friend Bobbie Schaeffle.

An unforgettable sight was Rabbi Robert Ratner, PhD, disappearing into the distance, egg in hand, in hot pursuit of someone too small and far away to recognize, in the course of the raw-egg-catching kids' game that's become a picnic fixture. Dignity? Some yoke! Fun! Eggstra helpings.

**THE SHABBAT SEDER PICNIC** on August 23, the last one of the season, showcased Israeli folk dancing led by our accomplished Rebbitzin Susan Ratner.

**IN THE NEWS** last July 13 under the Asheville Citizen-Times headline "Finklestein tickles the ivories to entertain Summit residents" was a picture of himself, and a short article which said, in part, "Leo Finklestein, 91, who was the piano player for the Lions Club combo, the Sanctimonius Seven, is playing the piano for the Wednesday luncheon crowd at The Summit retirement residence."

On July 30, on the front page of the Neighbors section, the lead article was all about Evelyn Wiley, who died last December. She was the wife of the Temple's indispensable custodian Edward Wiley. She was a teacher of special education students for 28 years and was named Buncombe County Teacher of the Year in 1989.

On WLOS TV on Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30 pm, in connection with a program being set up at the municipal course for blind golfers, of which Joe is one, there was Joe Sullivan himself being lined up for a golf shot.

On Saturday, August 10, on the front page of the Religion section, was an article about the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism's first Adult Mitzvah Corps. Ann and Rubin Feldstein were mentioned as part of a group building a house under the aegis of the Corps.

On the front page of the Business Section on Sunday, August 11, there was an article about American Threshold of Enka, maker of disposable products for the medical industry. Bob Bayer, company



founder, is president, and David Pasternack, new Temple member, is the firm's vice president for sales and marketing.

On August 17 one of the letters to the editor was from Rose Rose, on behalf of the League of Women Voters, reminding the readers to continue to send grocery receipts, with the sales tax crossed out, to their elected representatives.

On Sunday, August 18, the lead article of the Business section chronicled the success and expansion of Great Smokies Diagnostic Labs, which specializes in testing and developing new tests to pinpoint the causes of chronic illness. Marty Lee, Ph.D., is co-founder and CEO.

On Thursday, August 22, the Temple was front-page news again. In the Family Section, there was a long story, with pictures, about the eight couples who celebrated their fiftieth anniversaries together with a party in Unger Hall on August 16.

**LUNCH WITH THE RABBI**, the monthly brown-bag discussion sessions, are never less than stimulating, and this one, on August 19, was no exception. The topic was an article by Rafael Medoff entitled "American Jewry and the Christian Right: Conflict or Cooperation?"

Discussion-leader is just one of Rabbi Ratner's starring roles; if you happened not to have shown up, you were sure to be told afterwards, "You should have been there! It was great!"

**MAZEL TOV** to Dena Ratner and to her parents Rabbi and Susan Ratner on her Bas Mitzvah, and to Shana Ratner for her high honors at the National History Day competition in Washington, DC, to Heather

Safferstone and her family on Heather's Bas Mitzvah, and to Josh Ratner and his family on his engagement to Samantha Jill Elster of Dix Hills, New York.

**THANKS**, quoting the August Temple Bulletin, "to Phil Cohen who provided coverage for Rabbi Ratner during his recent vacation. . .to Brenda Abrams, Niccole Erikson, Rose Rose, and Julie Lee for repairing several of our prayerbooks and making them usable once again.

**A WARM WELCOME** to new members Peter and Marion Mosheim.

**Beth Israel Synagogue**  
Asheville NC  
by Lillian R. Wellisch

### **BETH ISRAEL YOUTH TO HOST USY CONVENTION**

On November 8-10, the Youth of Beth Israel will host between fifty to eighty high schoolers from synagogues across the southeast for Ein Gedi Subregion's fall USY convention. Representing North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee, the USY'ers will join the congregation for Shabbat services and have a weekend full of educational and fun programming.

Beth Israel congregants will be taking part in housing, chaperoning, and chauffeuring and thus will be involved in the whole weekend with the children.

### **HIGH HOLY DAY PREPARATION**

Several congregants, in order to enhance their feeling at the time of the High Holy Days, discussed with the Rabbi several central prayers and themes of the Yamin Noraim.

### **MODERN HEBREW CLASS WITH WALTER ZIFFER**

The first organizational class was held on Thursday, August 22, at which time textbook pages and dates of the next several meetings were distributed to students.

### **MAZEL TOV:**

To Jack and Norma Feingold, on their fiftieth anniversary and to Dick and Elaine Schulman on the birth of a granddaughter, Emily Bass Schulman.

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

To the Center for Diversity Education which recently received notification that it is a recipient of a fifteen thousand dollar grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. This money will be used to cover staff costs, making diversity education available to a wider section of the community. Our own Debi Miles is the director of this program.

### **BETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD**

Planning ahead: Adult CPR American Red Cross—will be held Tuesday, October 22 and October 29.

Laurie Reiz will be Sisterhood Historian.

A ton of thanks to Toby Cohen and Barbara Levy for their help in planning our July 14 training and lunch.

Many of our Board members attended an unbelievable training seminar called IMAGE PLUG. Thanks to Marilyn Liberman, a Woman's League National Trainer, we left with undying enthusiasm and a world of knowledge!

### **HADASSAH NEWS**

A program on Sunday, September 8, 1996, was held at the Asheville JCC. The program was on Health Care for



Women. Speakers were: Jade Kaplan, a CNM with a Master's Degree in Nursing and Public Health from Emory University, and Susan Odom, a Certified Critical Care RN and candidate for medical school.

#### **B'NAI MITZVOT — AUGUST 1996**

Congregants shared special moments in the lives of Marc Rudow and Debi Miles, parents of Josh Rudow, and their family and relatives on Friday and Saturday, August 2 and 3; in the lives of Laurie Chess and Henry Chess, parents of Margaret Teich, and their families on Friday and Saturday, August 9 and 10, and in the lives of Dr. Michael and Michele Heller, parents of Amy Heller, on Friday and Saturday, August 16 and 17, as these young people were called to the Torah.

Kiddush luncheons were held after all the B'nai Mitzvot following the services on Saturday. This was, indeed, a fortunate month for congregants, families, and relatives of all these students.

#### **MORRIS A. TENENBAUM MUSICAL WEEKEND**

The program started on Friday night, August 23, and continued on Saturday the 24.

Friday night services, held at 8:00 p.m., had cantorial soloist. Riselle Bain, participating in the services. An Oneg followed.

Saturday morning services were also enhanced with her beautiful melodies, followed by a Kiddush sponsored by the Tenenbaum Memorial Fund. Saturday night we were treated to a concert at the Synagogue. Ms. Bain was accompanied by a former Asheville native, Dr. Michael Rickman. Ms.

Bain is cantorial soloist at the Congregation of Liberal Judaism in Orlando, Florida, while pursuing a degree in musical theater. Dr. Rickman is regularly heard on Florida Public Radio. They provided a delightful, wonderful evening of entertainment that was open to the whole community.

Pauline Tenenbaum was the hostess for the weekend.

#### **Beth David Synagogue Greensboro NC by Carole Kaplan**

As anyone who has visited our facilities can see, we have moved into new and cheery spaces and everyone is settled into their new surroundings. Please mark your calendar and join us for our dedication of the new Bernard Robinson Student Center and the newly renovated Kimberly Susan Bates Complex, as well as the sanctuary building. The date is Sunday, November 10—we checked the calendar and the Panthers are away that day!

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Yashir Koach to Jed Rothenberg—Jed completed his Eagle Scout Project by building benches outside the main sanctuary doors. Linda Baggish is our September Volunteer of the Month. This special lady is very generous with her resources and time and we are lucky to be the recipients.

#### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR**

We are fortunate to have Myra Gabel join our staff as Religious School Director. She has been working diligently to ready our school for the arrival of our students this fall. Myra has served as Religious School Director in Columbia, South Carolina and we are glad she is part of our team.

#### **VATIKIM UPDATE**

We will resume in October with our regular schedule — every Tuesday at noon. Bring a dairy lunch and a friend to join us. Our October programs to date are:

October 1—Rabbi Havivi, in the Sukkah, weather permitting  
October 8—Leo Kinard, host of the Good Morning Show on WFMY  
October 15—Dr. G. Plovsky

#### **SISTERHOOD NEWS**

Sisterhood is planning several exciting programs this year. We will again mail kitchen magnets with Shabbat candle lighting times to all our members. If you do not receive one, there will be extras available at the gift shop. Please stop by to see all the wonderful new merchandise in our new, larger location. Last year's Paid-up Membership Supper and program was so well received that we are planning another. Save the date of Wednesday, November 6.

#### **MEN'S CLUB NEWS**

Every year you will see our Men's Club ushering during the High Holiday and regular Shabbat services. We are also active in sponsoring various educational seminars such as our class on "How to Run A Passover Seder." We have well-attended monthly Sunday breakfasts with speakers and topics that are both interesting and provocative. For fun, the Men's Club has various social events such as basketball, ice hockey and baseball outings. We are planning a wine tasting class, a mystery night and a possible horse racing/Monte Carlo night.

#### **GIFT OF ISRAEL**

Under the direction of the Greensboro Jewish Federation, the "Gift of Israel" program was launched in February of this year. Already twelve students have enrolled in this exciting opportunity enabling them to receive



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# Organizations

## **The Jewish Community Day School of Durham-Chapel Hill Announces \$2.7 Million Building Campaign**

### ***Steinhardt Foundation Grant of \$500,000 Provides Catalyst***

The Jewish Community Day School of Durham-Chapel Hill (JCDS) announces a \$2.7 million campaign to construct a new school facility and to provide an endowment for its operation and maintenance. The real and projected growth of the school necessitate planning for a new home.

JCDS, now in its second year, has an enrollment of 21 students in two classes (K, 1-2). Applications are already in hand to fill the 1997-8 kindergarten class and have been received for several other upcoming years. Currently, the school is housed at Judea Reform Congregation in Durham, but it will outgrow its space within the next two years.

The Steinhardt Foundation in New York City, believing that Jewish education is a key to our Jewish future in America, has issued

a challenge grant of \$500,000 to help build a new home for JCDS. JCDS will be the first (pilot) site for a national program soon to be undertaken by the Steinhardt Foundation to assist in the initiation of Jewish Day Schools in smaller communities throughout the U.S.

This is the unique opportunity for Durham/Chapel Hill and the entire North Carolina Jewish community. As each of our communities becomes stronger and increases its dedication to Jewish education and Jewish continuity, the stronger the state's Jewish community will become. Additionally, JCDS plays an important role in the Jewish communities of both Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Many faculty candidates at both Universities have chosen not to come to the Triangle or have left because there was no Day School for their children. A Day School in the area will help attract committed Jewish faculty and raise

the tenor of Jewish life on both campuses. The process has already begun as JCDS played an integral role in the recruitment of rabbis to the Hillels of both Duke and UNC.

The Jewish community of Durham/Chapel Hill, and the Jewish community of the entire state, is responding to the Steinhardt Foundation challenge. Pledges to the campaign already total over \$1.1 million.

The proposed building includes two preschool and six elementary school classrooms, a library, gymnasium, computer laboratory, multipurpose room, and kosher kitchen. The plan also includes outdoor playgrounds and a playing field. Estimated costs to design the building, prepare the site, and construct the building total \$1.7 million. An additional \$1.0 million is required to create an operating endowment fund that will ensure long-term financial stability.

The positive, joyous Jewish learning experience from Day Schools creates a lifetime impact. Studies show that students educated at Jewish Day Schools are more likely to become involved in their Jewish communities as adults, marry more frequently within our faith, and, in turn, pass their commitment on to their own children. They are also more likely to become the next generation of Jewish leaders around our state.

We invite those interested in Jewish continuity and with a commitment to Jewish education to join us in this important campaign. Several naming opportunities in the facility are still available. If interested in helping to turn this dream into a reality, please contact Gary L. Freed, M.D. @ 919-932-1828.

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Our Temple and Sisterhood members want to wish everyone a happy and healthy new year. We hope you will visit us whenever you are in the New Bern area. We are the only Jewish congregation in a five-county area. Visitors are always welcome. Our Temple is 88 years old and is located in the historic district at 505 West Middle Street.

Join us for cultural as well as religious activities. On November 2, we are holding "An Evening On Second Avenue" to share the joy of Yiddish theater and Klezmer music. Call Fran Robins at 633-5573 for details.





## 2000 Jewish Educators Attend 21st Annual CAJE Conference in Jerusalem

by Lenora Stein, Executive Director  
*Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE)*

"Moses went up from the steppes of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the summit of Pisgah, opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land. . . And the Lord said to him, 'This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I will assign it to your offspring. I have let you see it with your own eyes, but you shall not cross there'. . . Moses the servant of the Lord died there, in the land of Moab." (Deuteronomy/Devarim 34)

Three weeks ago I stood atop Mt. Nebo, in Jordan (open to Jewish visitors since the 1994 peace treaty), with 25 other Jewish educators and saw that same panoramic view that Moses saw of the Promised Land, Israel, the land to which he was forbidden entrance 3500 years ago. Together we read the last lines of the Torah, which we read every Simchat Torah, which recount the death of Moses; together we recited the Shehechianu marking our collective reaching this summit for the first time. And we saw the expanse of our Jewish homeland, Israel, in 1996—so close you almost feel you can touch Jerusalem from across the Jordan River, secure (well almost) in knowing that peace has brought Israel that much closer hopefully to its Middle Eastern neighbors. What was

just a dream for Moses, our teacher, (the consummate Jewish educator, according our tradition!) is reality for us today. WOW!

Mt. Nebo was truly the "summit" of my personal participation in the 21st Annual Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education (CAJE), sponsored by the national Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education, held at The Hebrew University on Mt. Scopus in Jerusalem from August 4-9, 1996 as part of the celebration of Jerusalem 3000 in this year 5756. Along with seven other Conference participants from the Charlotte/Gastonia area and almost 2000 attendees from over 20 countries, this was a virtual "United Nations" of Jewish education. The local Jewish educators, in addition to me, who attended the Conference included: Janice Bernstein (Temple Israel), Debby Block (Charlotte Jewish Preschool), Roz Cooper (Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies), Nicki Levine (Temple Israel), Beth Rosenberg (Temple Beth El), Rabbi Leah Benamy (Temple Emanuel, Gastonia), and Peri Flohr (Temple Emanuel, Gastonia).

Two days of the week-long Conference were devoted to on-campus workshop sessions amidst the beauty that is the golden city of Jerusalem. The conference theme, "Yerushalayim Shel Matah, Yerushalayim Shel Malah—Jerusalem in this World and in the World to Come" was reflected in the choice of sessions that covered everything from pedagogy to technology to culture to Jewish identity to the centrality of Israel to diaspora Jewish education.

However, the highlight of the week for me, were the two days of *Havayot*, Jewish educational field trips out across the breadth and length of Israel. With Tanach in hand I climbed Mt. Gilboa and "met" the Witch of Ein Dor in the biblical text of the Book of Samuel, the Prophet. I scaled Mt. Tabor "with" Deborah, in the Book of Judges and experienced Jewish Women's Her-story first hand. I walked along the shores of Kinneret, the Sea of Galilee, at Tiberias with Dona Gracia Nasi, the brilliant Jewess who saved many from death during the Inquisition by becoming a one-woman "Jewish family service" in her day. I visited the legendary tomb of King David, who founded the city of Jerusalem 3000 years ago. And I visited Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's grave in that saddest of all places in Israel, the national military cemetery on Mt. Herzl. I walked in the footsteps of the Bible and modern Zionism and the land of Israel "spoke" to me.

While on campus at Hebrew University, I had an opportunity to test the true meaning of cyberspace and the virtual power of the Internet and the World Wide Web in bringing Americans and Israelis closer together. Bridging the 6000 miles between Jerusalem and Charlotte, I logged on to a computer in the CAJE Conference computer center and "telnetted" in to pick up my e-mail. And discovered a record 57 e-mail messages (and I was only gone a week!) that I was able to respond to and manage in real time (absolutely free!), although in Charlotte it was still the middle of the night! Absolutely COOL!

The Conference evening programs were held in the breath-taking outdoor amphitheatre on Mt. Scopus and in the brand-new Jewish National



Fund (JNF) Gan Yaldei Yisrael Children's Garden in honor of Jerusalem 3000, in the Peace Forest below the Promenade in the Talpiot neighborhood of Jerusalem. Programs featured legendary Israeli entertainers including Uzi Chitman and Yehoram Gaon as well as a super special laser light show sponsored by the Histadrut Ha-Morim, the Israeli Teachers' Union, made more fabulous projected against the spectacular back drop of the Jerusalem night sky.

The final day of the conference, called the Kallah, featured lectures by 21 outstanding Israeli thinkers and personalities. I listened to Teddy Kollek, former mayor of Jerusalem reflect on the future of his beloved city. And I studied with Sir Martin Gilbert, noted 20th century scholar and historian, on the place of Jerusalem in an age of longed-for peace.

The final chapter of the Conference was my participation in the post-Conference tour for Jewish educators for 3 days, across the Allenby/King Hussein Bridge to Jordan, which culminated in standing in Moses' shoes (probably they were sandals, not Nikes!) on Mt. Nebo, looking back towards Israel.

CAJE Conference National Chairperson, noted Jewish educator/author Seymour Rossel bid farewell to conference delegates saying "CAJE 21 was a gathering of angels". And local Jewish educator Debby Block summed it all up reflecting, "Being able to attend this conference and tour Israel was an invaluable experience both professionally and personally. Thanks to the strong commitment to education by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte and my school, I now feel a strong bond with Israel and a

renewed commitment to Jewish education."

Participation for our Jewish community's teachers in the national and international CAJE Conferences is sponsored in part by a scholarship grant program funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte (JFGC) administered by the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE), and is supported equally by the Charlotte Jewish community's religious schools and generous individuals in the community. To those who make this possible we say a heartfelt *todah rabah*, thank you.

*At the reception for the grand opening of the Gan Yaldei Yisrael Children's Garden in the JNF Peace Forest below the Tayelet, some of the local group pose: (left to right) Rabbi Leah Benamy and son Shai, Lenora Stein, Peri Flohr, and Debby Block.*

*Debby Block poses with a panoramic view of Jerusalem of Gold for a backdrop.*

*We caught Nicki Levine shopping for the latest pedagogic materials from Israel and Europe in the extensive educational exhibit area.*

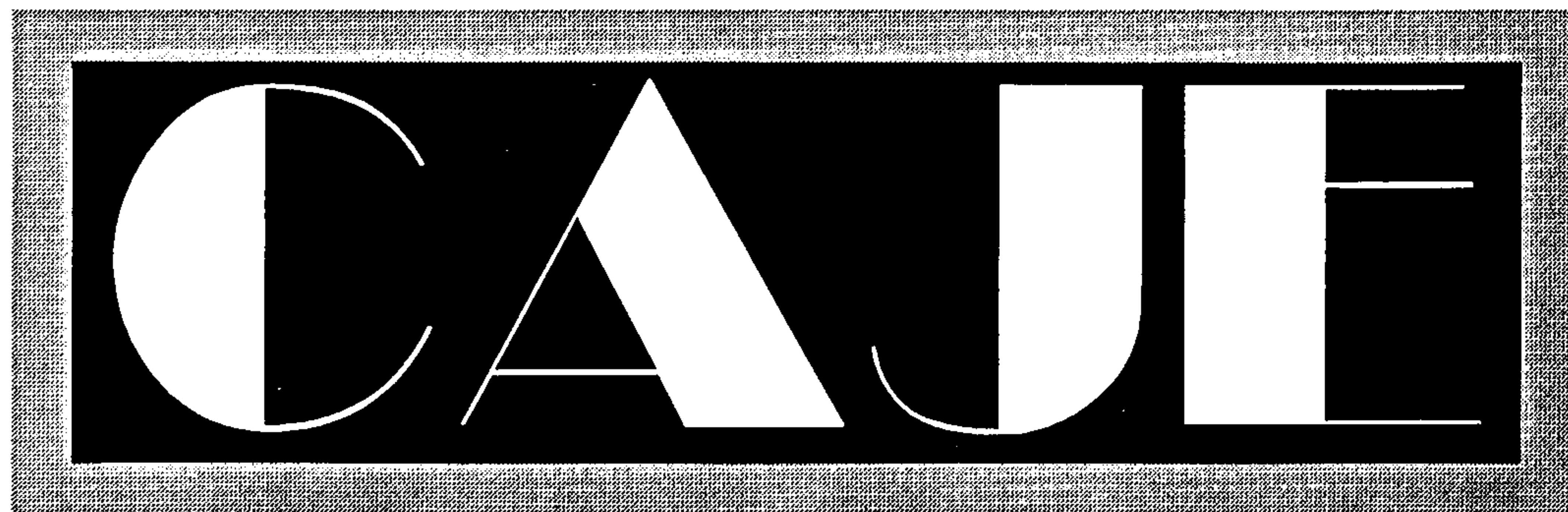
*The Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum houses the Dead Sea Scrolls.*

*The "Shrine of the Golden Arches" (McDonald's) in downtown Jerusalem just off Ben Yehuda Street houses. . .well, you know what's there. . .*

*The marker atop Mt. Nebo denotes the importance of Moses as a prophet to Christianity and to Islam in addition to Judaism.*

### **A "Gathering of Jewish Learners" Provides A New Model of CAJE Conference**

During this past July, the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE) sponsored a Statewide event at the Concord Hotel in Kiamesha Lake, New York, as an alternative for Jewish educators who were unable to travel to Jerusalem for the CAJE 21 Conference. Our local community was represented by Karen Fox (Jewish Preschool on Sardis) and Randi Defilipp (Jewish Day School of Charlotte). It was smaller in scale than most annual CAJE Conferences, and reflective of the more serious mood of the three weeks before Tisha B'av. Joined by 220 colleagues from across the U.S. Karen Fox summed up her conference experience when she writes, "No one goes to a CAJE Conference out of necessity! We attend because we as teachers desire to attend! Once again this summer the spark within me that burns and yearns for further education became a roaring flame, while attending the "Gathering of Jewish Learners" sponsored by the national Coalition. As Jews we study Torah as a framework for understanding ourselves and learning how to lead richer, fuller and holier lives. As a teacher, I hope to help students find their own spark within themselves that yearns for learning Torah."





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# Personals

On the rare occasion she is able to steal a moment of private reflection away from her busy schedule as a cabinet secretary in the Hunt Administration, Muriel K. Offerman is "downright amazed" at where her life has taken her.

However, after listening to her talk, it is hardly surprising that the head of the NC Department of Revenue has made her way to the state capital from her roots in the small southeastern North Carolina town of Wallace.

Finding success and reaching goals is a matter of determination and will, according to Offerman, who was appointed as Secretary of the Department of Revenue on April 15, 1996, after serving three years as the agency's deputy secretary.

"Don't ever say you can't get there. You set the goal and you set out to achieve it by doing the job right way, taking the right steps and holding yourself to the highest possible standard," she said.

Her resolve is deeply rooted in her small town background and religious faith, which was nurtured by a strong family and her extended family of the North Carolina Jewish community.

"It was interesting growing up. There were just a few Jewish families in a town of 3,000 people," she said. "My parents, Harry and Vivian Kramer, either brought a rabbi into Wallace

or drove us to religious school in Goldsboro 50 miles away. When my husband and I returned to Wallace to start our family, we knew that to provide our children with a Jewish education and identity we would have to work at it."



**Muriel K. Offerman**

In spite of the inconveniences, Offerman fondly remembers the great influence and assistance the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men and Women and the North Carolina Association of Jewish Youth provided to her and her family as she grew up.

"I would board a bus in Wilmington and go to the state's larger cities on weekend trips to learn and meet other Jewish young people," said

Offerman, whose family also enjoyed the visits to Wallace by the Circuit Riding Rabbi who started offering services in the mid-1950s. "It was an effort, but the Jewish community in North Carolina met the needs of small town Jews."

The former businesswoman and active community leader has brought her "anything is possible with hard work" attitude to the Department of Revenue where she worked closely with her predecessor, Janice Faulkner, to make the agency a leader in cost-effective service.

She is hands-on manager who has played a key role in building an efficient new tax system that saves the state money and provides better service to taxpayers, and she has worked to involve employees in decision-making with a focus on customer service.

"Customer service is a key, whether it be a small family business or an agency of 1,200 employees, like the Department of Revenue," said Offerman, who learned about customer service from working 24 years in the family retail business, Kramer's Department Store in her Duplin County hometown, first as a buyer and eventually as president of the corporation. "Customer service really helps influence public opinion and good will, and you can't buy good will. It has to be earned."

Both the public and private sectors also have to be willing to change with the times.

"With this age of new tools and technology and the demand of the public for efficiency and effectiveness, doing more with less, it is not only desirable but necessary that change take place to achieve those ends," she said. "We need to



make sure that we use new tools and techniques, and we must meet our obligation to train the worker to use these new tools. We also need to assist employees in accommodating change, recognizing that we cannot manage too much change at any one time."

Throughout her career, Offerman a former English teacher, has been involved in public life, as a corporate official in her family's retail business, as a community volunteer and now as a public servant and political appointee.

"It's part of my faith to be an activist, and that's partly what drove me to be active in Democratic Party politics, to work for policies and ideas I believe in," the proud grandmother of six said. "I believe in deeds, and Judaism teaches that. But it's not enough to just have faith. We must live our faith."

No matter which one of the hats she has worn through the years, the pursuit of excellence has always been on the agenda.

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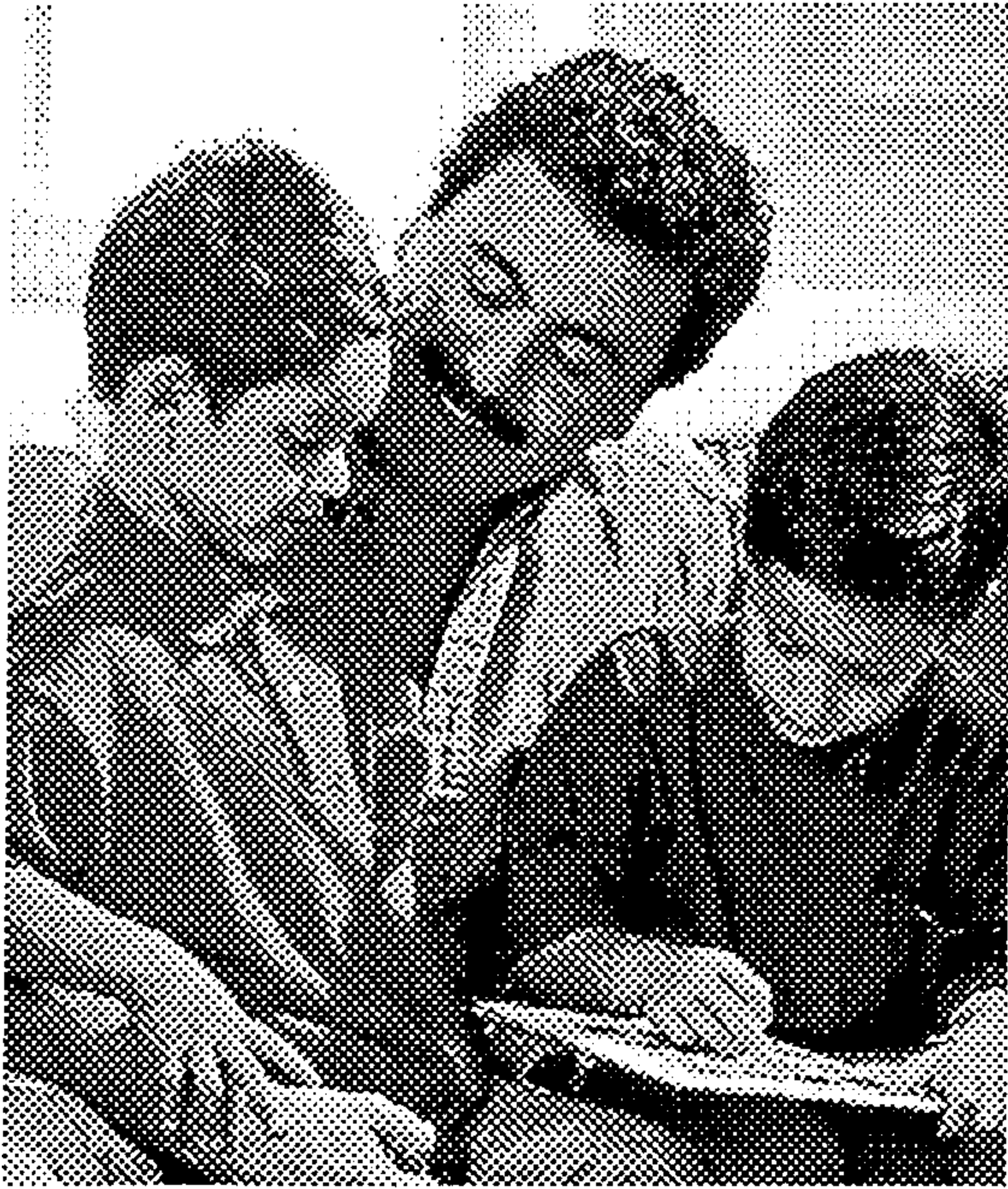




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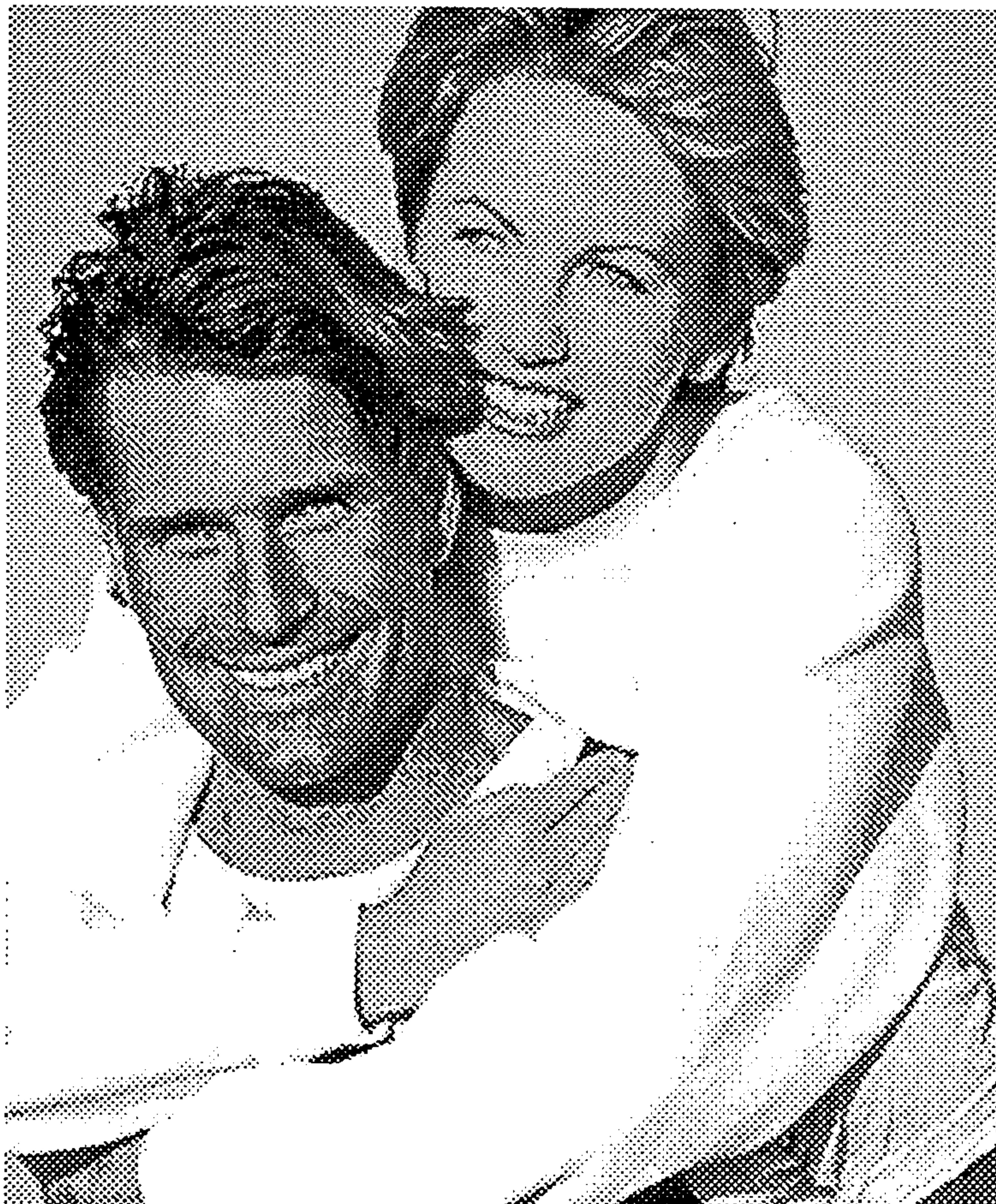


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entertainment. The Winns' vast quantities of sporting equipment helped everyone pass the time until that late afternoon, when we were sitting on our porches and my mother suddenly yelled, "The lights are on!" Everyone rushed inside.

The bonding held.

The Winns' oldest son, Cooper David Winn IV, and I were classmates, though never best friends. Still, we spent lots of time together, as neighboring kids do, and some of the most memorable moments occurred around the December holidays. Chanukah at my house. Christmas at his house.

Mutual envy.

For me, Chanukah generally meant one gift from my parents per night, but factoring in additions from grandparents, other relatives, and friends, I averaged sixteen to twenty each season. Not bad. I would even feel a bit on the smug side as I walked to school in the morning reporting to Cooper on the prior night's take.

That is, I felt smug until early Christmas day when I would race over to the Winns' side of the house to inspect the mountains of presents, the massive quantities strewn about the living room, such a volume of stuff that even the recognition in later years that the haul included a suspiciously large amount of underwear and socks could not make me rationalize away my jealousy.

The feeling of Chanukah has remained with me: our old tin menorah and the look, the smell, the soft, smooth texture of its candles, sometimes dripping their orange wax across my fingers.

There were the traditional songs, the latkes and applesauce, and our one decoration, "Happy Chanukah," printed on colorful paper dreidels and placed across the dining room entryway. The sign was worn, faded, but it was our tradition, and for eight days it transformed the room into a chamber of happy expectation.

Most of my presents were modest. I loved to make Revell models of antique cars, and so something like a Stanley Steamer one night might be followed by a Stutz Bearcat the next. Another year it was accessories for my small American Flyer train set; One night it might be a new caboose, and another night a little building to place near the tracks. I remember categories of gifts, but the particulars have long faded.

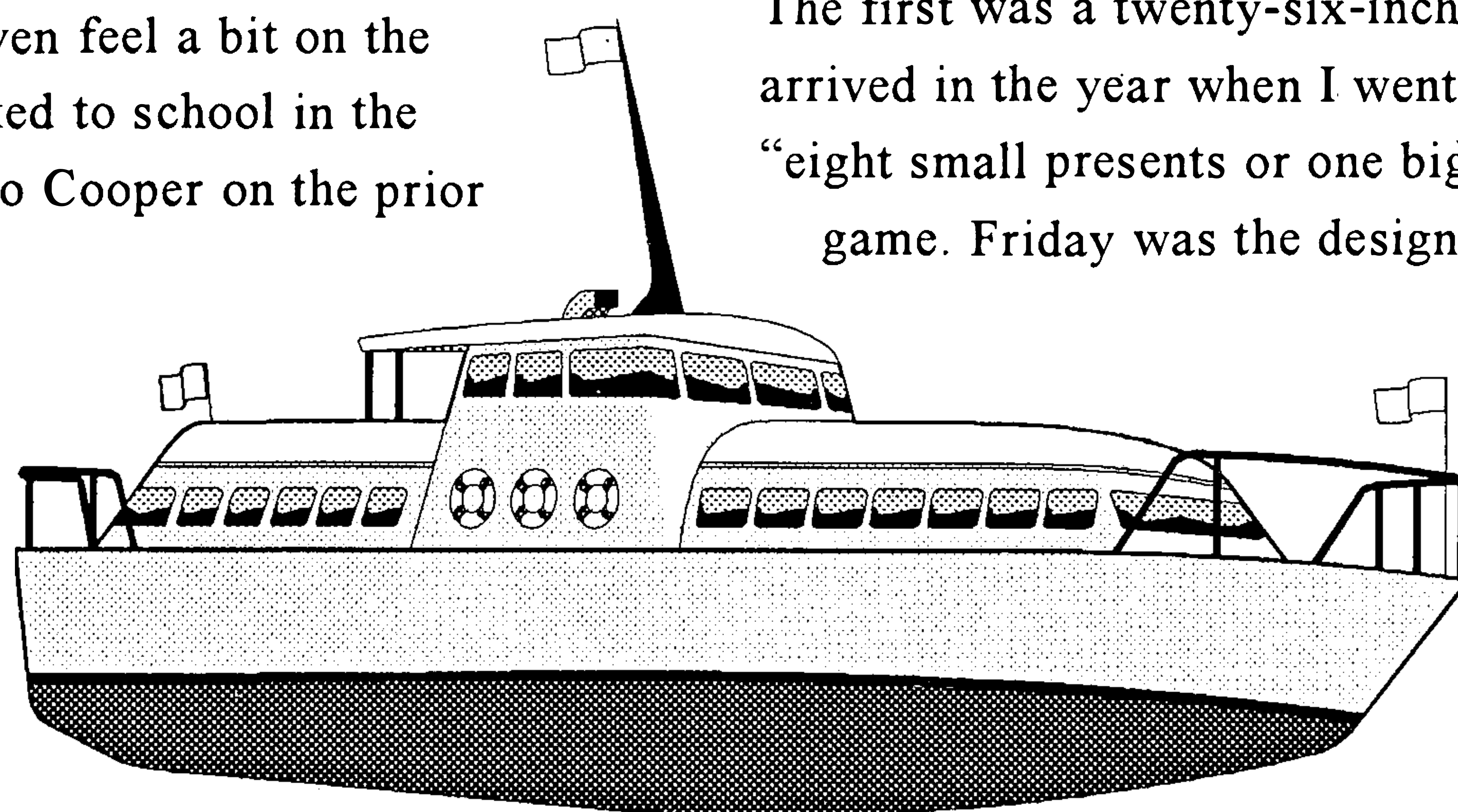
Except for two presents that I've never forgotten.

The first was a twenty-six-inch English bicycle. It arrived in the year when I went for the gold in the "eight small presents or one big present" option game. Friday was the designated night, and as

soon as the candles were lighted and the songs sung, I dutifully complied with the "Close your eyes tight" directive.

The waiting seemed to go on forever as I listened to my father's grunts and a bumping noise coming up the cellar steps. When he approached the dining room, I heard the rhythmic, metallic sound of a spinning tire, and knew that my year-long series of unsubtle hints had been acknowledged.

Later we went to synagogue, and before the service began, I stood in the foyer for what seemed like hours, watching as every person





entered, brushing the snow off their coats and stomping their boots. I scanned the arrivals, looking for Joey or Sammy or Ricky or anyone else I knew. "Guess what! I got an English bike!"

Other Chanukahs, though, were not as festive. My parents constantly struggled financially, one of the consequences of my father's checkered career and made worse, later, by the albatross of medical bills from my sister's long illness.

My father was always involved in the paper business. During the eight years when we lived on University Avenue he worked for at least six different companies in waste paper, paper chemicals, and wholesale tissue. Each position would begin with optimism and end with him returning home one night carrying his electric typewriter.

He always bounced back, always landed another job somewhere, somehow. Yet the process was draining, and the weeks or months between paychecks grim. One of those dark periods coincided with Chanukah.

I knew things were tough that season. We didn't starve, but everything had to be cut back as we tried to make do on the salary my mother earned fitting women into corsets at the Peerless Department Store. "I know it's hard," she would say, "but some day our ship will come in.!" I believed her. Sometimes I could even visualize "our ship," a small speck on the horizon heading slowly, surely right for us.

"Our ship," burdened with riches, was still far out to sea when Chanukah began. This year, I knew, would not be like other years. The grandparents and a few of my parents' friends came through, but, my parents explained, I would need to understand that they simply couldn't afford presents this time. *Just this year. Next year will be better.*

Chanukah overlapped Christmas, fortuitously. The Winns were busy with their preparations, so I didn't see much of Cooper. I was glad school was already on vacation; there was no need to report to friends on my Jewish version of an empty stocking.

That Christmas morning I didn't rush next door.

On the final night of Chanukah my parents surprised me with a gift. It was a small one, they warned. Nothing very special. But I'd been so understanding of what was happening that they wanted me to have it. I felt a slight twinge of guilt over their sacrifice as I accepted the little package.

Inside the box was a plastic model for my collection, a replica of a Chris Craft cabin cruiser. Probably cost about \$2.95. I glued it together the next day, and for years, until I went off to college, the little boat sat on a shelf in my bedroom. It was far from being my fanciest model. Though it's long discarded, the thought of it means more to me now than it ever did back then.

When I look back on all those Decembers of my childhood, those often wonderful days of mystery, anticipation, celebration, I know for a fact that I received many dozens of presents over the course of the years. They form an indistinct blur. After all, a long time has passed.

In truth, of all those gifts, I can actually remember only two. One was 26 inch English bicycle. Shiny black, three speed, with a head light powered by a generator that spun alongside the tire and its own silver air pump latched to the frame.

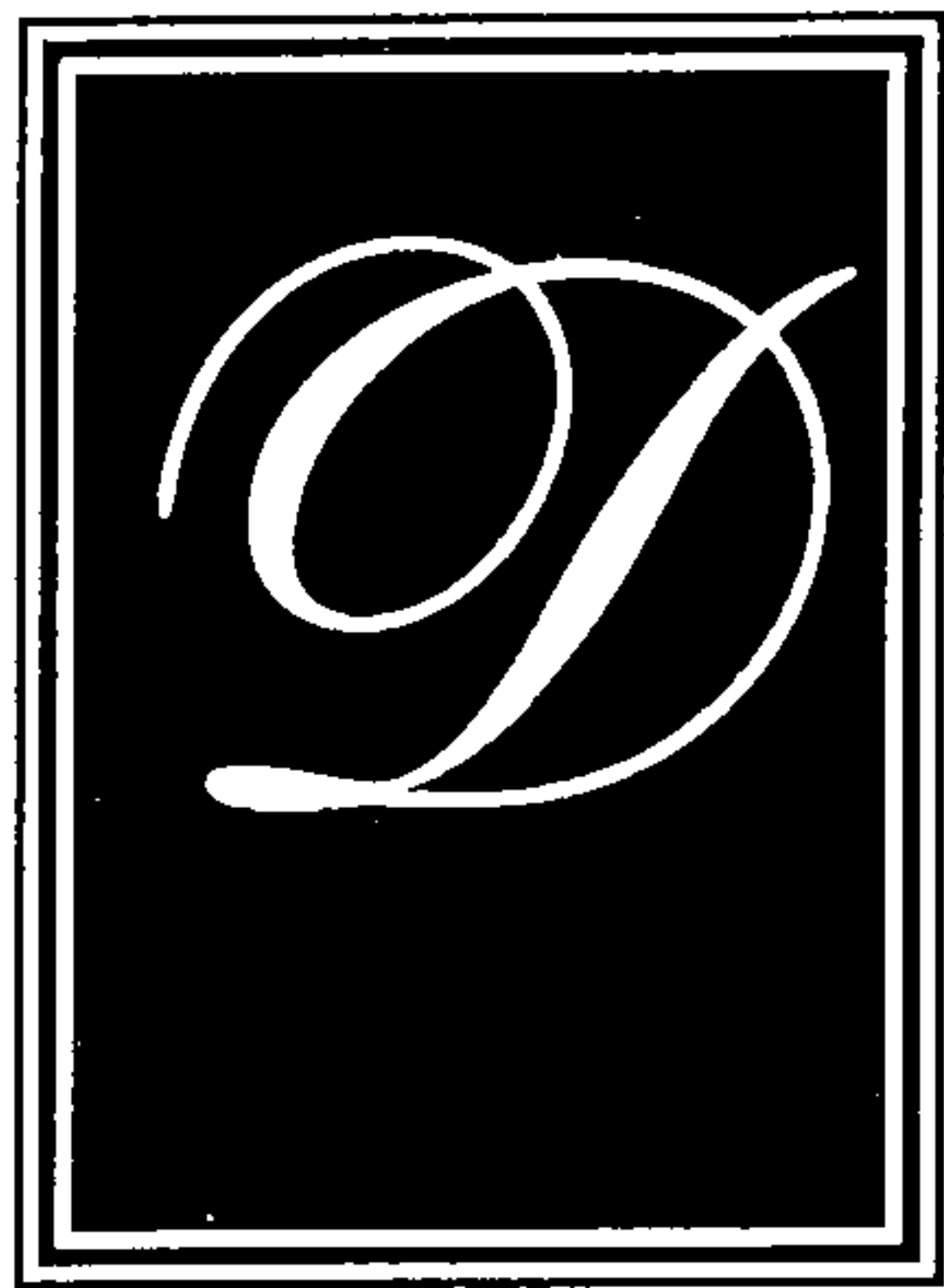
**The other was a plastic model boat.**

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*Danny Kaye: A Legacy of Laughter, an American Masters special, goes straight to the heart of its celebrated subject*

*through candid interviews with those who shared his private, ordinary moments. In the program, Dena Kaye, the only child of the stage and screen legend, reveals much that only she could know about this beloved American master of comedy. When she was born to Danny and Sylvia Fine Kaye, her father was already a star on Broadway and in Hollywood. Ms. Kaye was raised in California and graduated from Stanford University. She is a journalist and has written for such magazines as Town and Country, Architectural Digest, and Travel & Leisure. She was travel correspondent for CBS Morning News, and hosted, wrote and produced her own series on the Travel Channel called "A Sense of Place," as well as a radio show in New York and a documentary about UNICEF. In 1980, she wrote a book entitled "The Traveling Woman." Following are Dena's responses to frequently asked questions about growing up with her famous father.*

**T**hirteen/WNET's *American Masters* reveals the warmth, wit and wild humor of the consummate entertainer in **Danny Kaye: A Legacy of Laughter**, December 10 on PBS.

**American Masters**, Thirteen/WNET's award-winning biography series, continues its star-studded 11th season with the premiere of a one-hour documentary about a boy from Brooklyn who began in outlandish skits in the Borscht Belt of New York's Catskill resorts and ended up on Broadway and in Hollywood as one of America's premiere and most-beloved stage and screen performers.

*Danny Kaye: A Legacy of Laughter, an American Masters* special, is produced by Thirteen/WNET in New York, and premieres **Tuesday, December 10, 1996 at 8 p.m. (ET)** on PBS (check local listings).

This in-depth exploration of the legendary entertainer is an intimate portrait of his extensive career in television, stage and film. Highlights include clips of performances with Lucille Ball, Louis Armstrong, Bing Crosby, and Harry Belafonte.

The program also offers some of the wittiest materials that Kaye developed together with his wife and creative partner, Sylvia Fine Kaye. Candid interviews with Carl Reiner, Rosemary Clooney, Itzhak Perlman, Harry Belafonte, Mikhail Baryshnikov, and Kaye's daughter, Dena, provide an insightful and intimate testament to the fact the Kaye's creative range was enormous, encompassing dance, popular song, classical music, complicated verse, impersonation and improvisation, all melding into a signature style.



“His life was a fascinating journey from the melting pot of New York City straight into the hearts of people young and old, all over the world,” says Susan Lacy, executive producer of *American Masters*. “He had virtually all the qualities of an American master—of comedy. And as a person, he was serious, smart, charming, compassionate, generous, original.”

The documentary focuses not only on the ways in which he brought tears of laughter to millions with his jokes, pantomime, comic dancing, and amazing ability to sing impossibly fast patter songs, but also on his extraordinary work spanning 35 years for UNICEF as Ambassador-at-Large on behalf of the children of the world. United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar called Kaye “a champion for children in every continent.”

Born David Daniel Kaminsky in Brooklyn in 1913, the son of an immigrant Russian tailor, he dropped out of high school and began his stellar climb as a “toomler,” an all-around entertainer in the Borscht Belt. He joined a dance act, and when he lost his balance on opening night and the audience broke into a roar of laughter, his “concept” was written into the script. Broadway fame began in 1941 with his

show-stopping comic singing in *Lady in the Dark*, in which he rattled off the names of more than 50 polysyllabic Russian composers in 39 seconds in a song called “Tchaikovsky.” Over the years, Danny Kaye led his own Walter Mitty-esque life as a celebrated chef, a baseball team owner, and an airplane pilot, flying everything from Piper Cubs to Boeing 747’s.



Kaye starred in 17 movies, including *The Kid from Brooklyn* (1946), *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* (1947), *The Inspector General* (1949), *Hans Christian Andersen* (1952), and the incomparable *The Court Jester* (1956), in which “the pellet with the poison has the brew that is true.” Another famous excerpt is from the favorite holiday film *White Christmas*, in which Kaye and Bing Crosby parody their female counterparts in a send-up of the song “Sisters.”

It was Samuel Goldwyn who gave Kaye his first film role—*Up In Arms*—in which he played a hypochondriac who becomes a man by joining the army in World War II. Kaye was soon known far and wide as America’s entertainer extraordinaire. In 1954, he won a special Academy Award for his humanitarian work. His TV series, *The Danny Kaye Show*, ran from 1963 to 1967, and won an Emmy in the first season. He recorded a classic children’s album, *Mommy, Gimme a Drinka Water!*, and conducted symphony orchestras as seriously as a



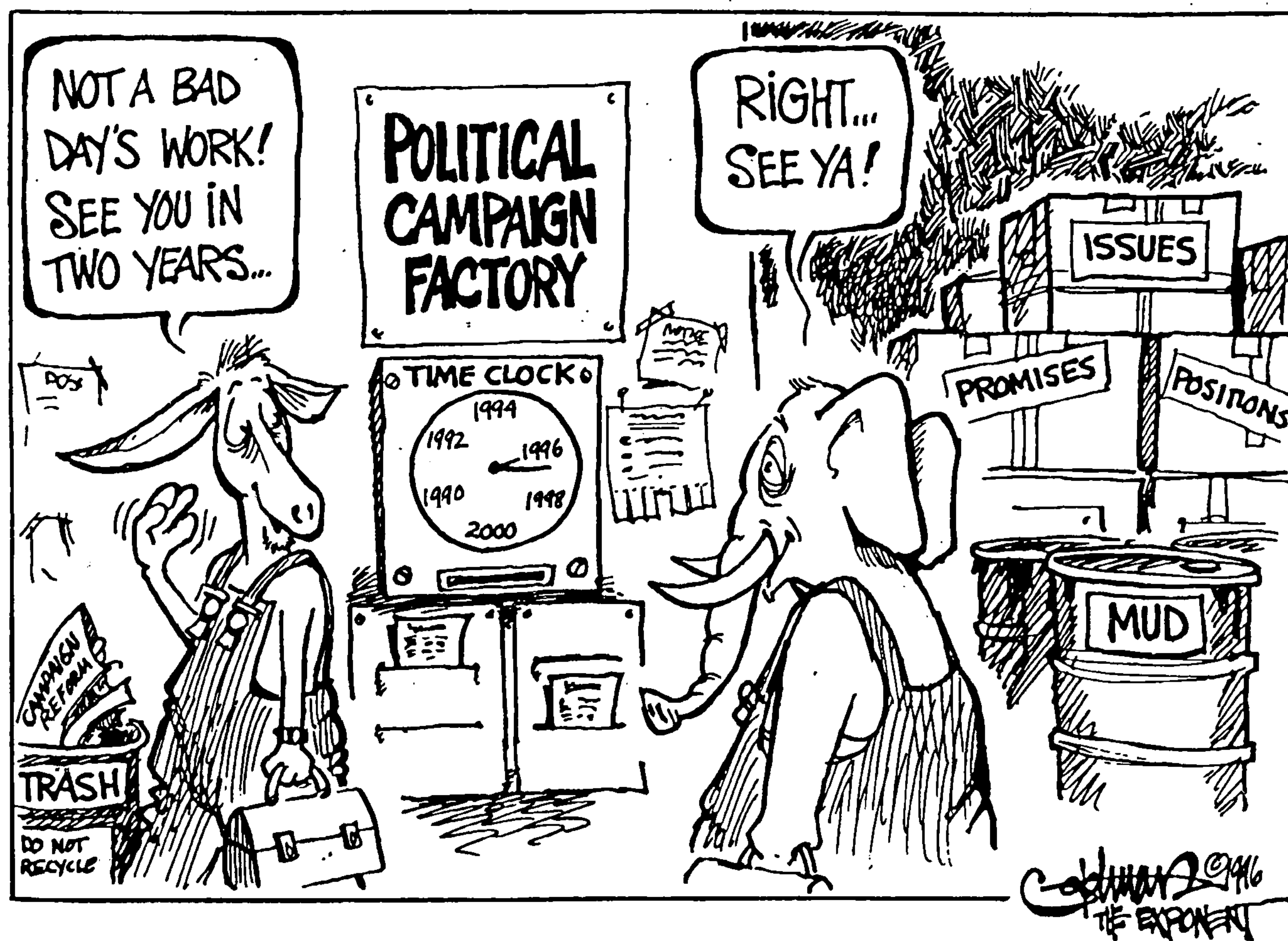
musician, but always in a riotously unconventional manner. Over several decades, and around the world, he raised more than \$10 million for symphony musicians' pensions funds by performing at benefit concerts, where he was known to conduct "The Flight of the Bumble Bee" with a flyswatter. In one of his final performances, he earned rave reviews for his impassioned portrayal of a Holocaust survivor in the 1981 TV movie *Skokie*.

During the past decade, **American Masters**, presented by Thirteen/WNET on public television, has drawn huge national and international audiences to its profiles of the lives and achievements of important figures in the arts, transcending traditional biography to explore its subjects, invaluable contributions to the American cultural landscape. The series has won Peabodys, Emmys, and numerous

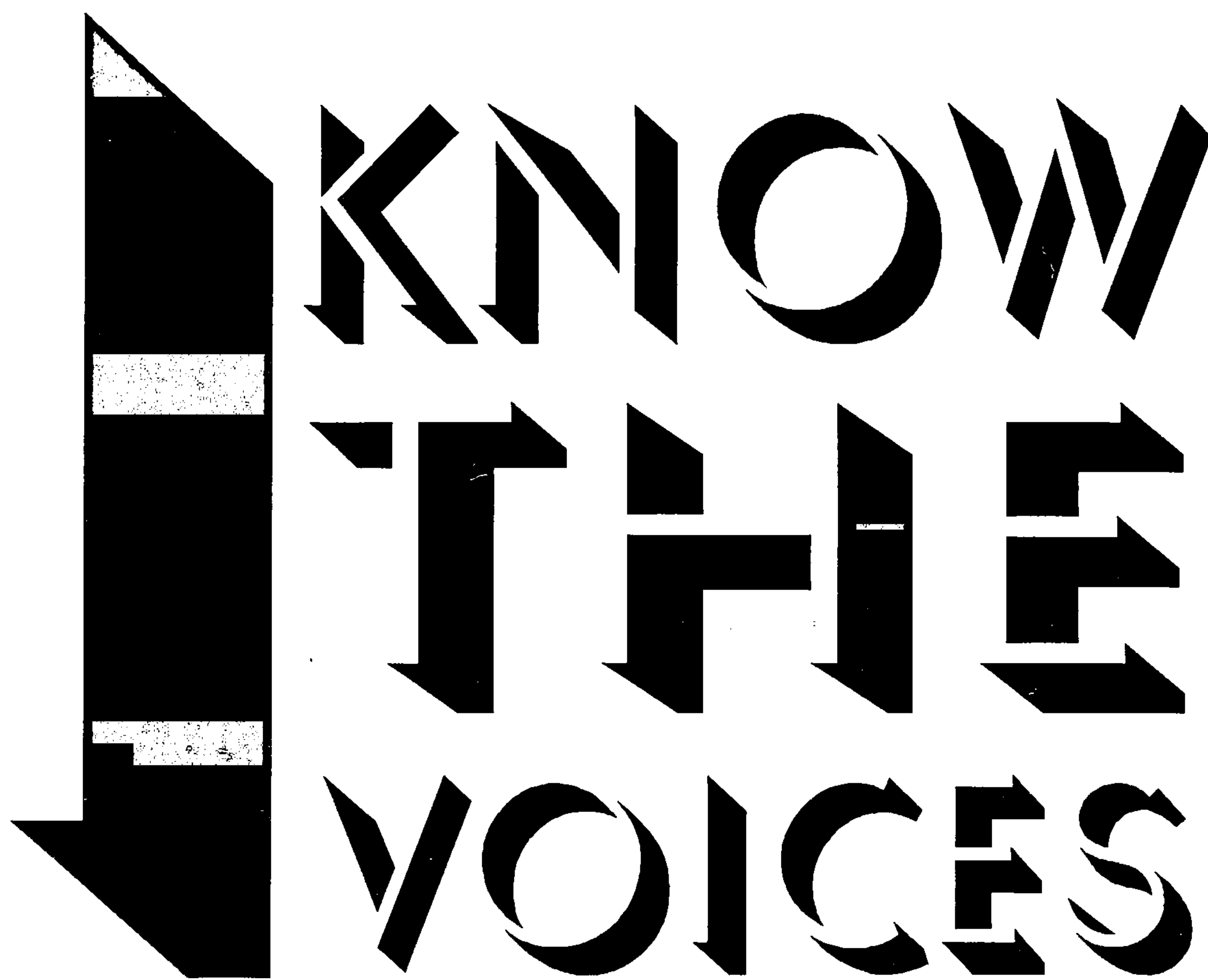
other awards, and has received wide critical acclaim for the kind of in-depth, thorough and insightful explorations that viewers have come to expect from public television.

**Danny Kaye: A Legacy of Laughter** is a production of Thirteen/WNET in association with MPI Media Productions. Bob Marty is Producer/Director. JoAnn Young is Producer/Writer. Susan Lacy is Executive Producer of *American Masters*. Jac Venza is Director of Cultural and Arts Programs at Thirteen/WNET.

Funding for *American Masters* is provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Rosalind P. Walter, Jack Rudin, and public television viewers. Corporate support for the series is provided by American Express.







# I KNOW THE VOICES

On June 8, 1980, 33-year-old artist Zvi Gur cruised slowly past the shopping center of a well-to-do neighborhood near Tel Aviv. He spotted his victim almost at once: eight-year-old Oren Yarden who was playing with his bike. Things moved fast. Gur urged the boy into the car and sped to nearby Rishon-le-Zion, from where he placed the first of four fatal phone calls.

"I've got the boy!" he told Oren's mother. "It'll cost you to get him back." The following

morning, in a phone conversation with Oren's father, Gur was more specific: he wanted NIS 200,000 (\$70,000) in exchange for Oren. Two further phone calls gave instructions about where and how to leave the ransom.

At this point, events took a sudden tragic spiral. Some time between June 8 and 10, Gur strangled Oren ("the Devil made me do it," he later explained) and buried him in a sand dune south of Netanya. A vast manhunt uncovered the child's body some three weeks later.

Oren's death gripped the country. Over 1,500 people came to his funeral and some 6,000 condolence letters poured into his home. Meanwhile, the police were closing in on the murderer. Marked ransom money, which had shown up in a Rehovot bank, led to four suspects, one of them Gur. He was arrested, but the money itself was insufficient to nail him. It took three days of questioning before Gur broke down and confessed to kidnapping and murder. What clinched his confession, and the 59-year sentence later handed down, was a technique then new to Israel: spectrographic voice identification.

The case of Zvi Gur was among the first major successes of the Israel Police's Voice Laboratory," says American-born Yishai Tobin, a professor of linguistics

## I Know That Voice! Former American Sets Up Voice Identification Lab for Israel Police

by Wendy Elliman



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# THE JU

by Sharon Kanon

*Full-time juggler, American-born Raphael Harris, performs at an orthodox wedding in Jerusalem. WZPS photo courtesy of Raphael Harris.*



**T**he Talmud has number of references to the art of juggling, the most famous being Rabbi Shimon Ben Gamliel's (the head of the Sanhedrin or High Court - 1st century CE) virtuoso act during the all-night water-drawing celebrations in the intermediate days of Succot. The feats of three other Jewish sages and jugglers are also described in the Talmud: the sage

Levi bar Sissa (150-220 CE), who juggled eight knives, author and teacher Samuel bar Abba (180-275 CE), who manipulated eight cups of wine without spilling a drop, and the distinguished scholar Rav Abaye (280-339 CE), who mastered the risky business of juggling eight eggs.



Today, juggling seems to be reemerging as a form of entertainment in modern Israel and as a popular pastime. Juggling acts, frequently with fire, are often performed at religious weddings in Israel, and even this year's Israel Festival opened with a five-man juggling act, adding fanfare to the main event.

"I would estimate that there are nearly 2,000 jugglers in Israel, about 50 of whom are professional," says 25-year-old Reva Amir, who in 1995 established "Jug," a Tel Aviv juggling supplies store. The shop not only sells juggling balls, bean bags, diabolos, devil's sticks, clubs, stilts and unicycles, but also offers classes.

"Jug is a

skills so he went into action. Today the group consists of about 15 men and woman of all ages who hold conventional day jobs—teachers, writers, artists, students, lawyers and soldiers - but on Thursday night, from 7-11 p.m., shed their personas and come to practice and show off new skills.

"We teach each other new tricks," says Seltzer, who came to Israel three years ago from Tucson, Arizona. "It's artistic and beautiful to watch the balls weave through the air. And your body has to be in rhythm. Some tricks I do involve twisting my body in a weird way," says Seltzer, who mixes gags and jokes when he performs. "I am not into the zen of juggling," he comments, "but it is definitely relaxing."

Click into his Website on the internet (Alta Vista: Scott Seltzer), which includes drawings of tricks with knives, torches, eggs and all kinds of dangerous objects. "I am so thrilled that I actually have my own Internet page. There used to be a culture of juggling in ancient Israel and it is definitely on the upswing today," says the obsessive juggler off to meet another obsessive juggling friend in the park.

Moti Krauthamer, a CNN news editor, agrees: "Juggling is, excuse the pun, catching on. Ten years ago, Israelis thought it was weird. I used to juggle in [Jerusalem's] Sacher Park once a week with a small group of jugglers. People would ask, 'Are you a clown? Are you in the circus?'"

Almost in the same juggling league as the venerable sages is 22-year-old musician Joseph Rosenberg, who juggles with five lighted torches. Originally from New York, Rosenberg started juggling when he was 12. "I bought a copy of the book *Juggling for the Complete Klutz*. It came with three bean bags."

American-born Raphael Harris, a professional juggler, recently organized a one-day juggling festival in Jerusalem. Besides having long been associated in Jewish tradition with joy, Harris points out that "it is taught in corporate workshops because it is an excellent training tool for patience, coordination, and learning to deal with failures. It also helps develop ambidexterity, dexterity, enhanced right brain/left brain function and increased attention span," he says.

With so many mind/body benefits, juggling's growing popularity should come as no surprise

bit of home for some kids," says Amir. "Parents are happy the kids are doing something that is good for the body and good for the soul. You only think of the rhythm when you juggle. It's like meditation. It clears the mind."

"Teenagers (religious and secular) are coming in increasing numbers to the Jerusalem Juggler's Club" says Scott Seltzer, 25, a juggling professional who also works in computers.

The club was started by clown-about-town Charles Sofair, formerly of Sydney, Australia, who had received formal training as a clown. On his arrival in Jerusalem, he found many talented people with a wide variety of





*President Nelson Mandela (right) greets members of the first ROT-STEP graduating class, accompanied by Dr. Eli Eisenberg (left), national executive director of the ROT-STEP Institute in South Africa.*

# President Mandela

## Attends First ROT-Step Graduation

**T**he ROT-STEP (Science and Technology Education Project) Institute in South Africa graduated its first class of technology education teachers this past spring. Each of the 28 graduates was handed his or her Certificate in Technology Education by President Nelson Mandela, who took time from his very hectic schedule to attend this inaugural graduation.

Speaking at the ceremonies, President Mandela praised ROT for its initiative in establishing this unique center of technology education and resource development.

"Technology education ought to be one of the cornerstones of our education and training," the President stressed. "Each teacher will, in turn, train hundreds more students. . . and they will lead in enabling us to solve today's problems with today's tools."

ROT-STEP, launched in Midrand (near Johannesburg) in 1993, is the only program of its kind in South Africa. Funded by local industry and private donations, it is South Africa's first fully operational, educational project offering technology education and training to both teachers and high school students, as well as a resource center for the development of curriculum and computer hardware and software.

In particular, ROT-STEP is focused on providing training and re-training in the teaching of technology, science and mathematics to teachers from South Africa's majority population. At present, 65 percent of the teachers enrolled are from disadvantaged communities and 40 percent are women. There are 12 groups of primary and secondary teachers from 70 private and government schools in training, waiting to follow this first graduating class.



In addition to the main center in Midrand, branches of ROT-STEP have been established on the Western Cape, the Eastern Cape and the Kwazulu Natal. Plans also are underway for a ROT-STEP Interactive Distance Education Project to reach remote sites in rural and urban areas.

Women's American ROT, an organization of membership chapters across the United States, supports vocational and technical training for Jews around the world, particularly in Israel, the United States, South America, France, India, and now throughout the former Soviet Union. It is the largest affiliate organization of the World ROT Union and a major source of financial support to its central budget.

More than 252,000 students presently are enrolled in ORT's 800 schools and projects that include comprehensive and vocational high schools, colleges, apprenticeship programs and teacher-training institutes. The ROT program encompasses some 60 countries and is the largest non-governmental network of vocational education and technical training centers in the world.

In addition to its central mission, Women's American ROT works actively in the United States to improve public education, to promote literacy, to combat anti-Semitism and to support women's rights.

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# ‘Using Modern Technology To Bring Alive *An Ancient Tradition*’

**F**irst Jewish CD-ROM in Russian in Former Soviet Union, Funded by Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, Gives Interactive View of Jewish Life in Eastern Europe

Jewish history has become a popular subject for Jewish students throughout the former Soviet Union and in U.S. schools with large Russian-speaking populations, thanks to an innovative computer project initiated and funded by the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture.

The students have begun using a multimedia curriculum—the first CD-ROM in Russian dealing with a Jewish topic—to study the life and history of the Jews in Eastern Europe (Russia and Poland). The interactive unit, which is accompanied by a printed study guide, was developed by MAXIMA New Media of Israel, in conjunction with Beit Hatefutsoth, the Nahum Goldmann Museum of the Jewish Diaspora in Tel Aviv, and is based on the museum’s permanent exhibit titled, “Among the Nations.” It was introduced in April at a conference in Kiev, Ukraine of the Association of Jewish Schools and Principals in the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States, a group founded and funded by the Memorial Foundation.

The CD-ROM, which also comes in an English version, includes rich graphics, such as photographs, paintings, timelines and maps. The texts are based on personal memoirs. By selecting a particular topic appearing in the print menu, the student is able to proceed at his or her own pace and can print out any of the textual material that appears in the program.

The material is organized under the following themes:

**The people—**

*family, commercial and communal relations;*

**Among the Nations—**

*relations with the non-Jewish world;*

**Culture and Literature—**

*art, music, literature, theater, press;*

**Timeline—**

*important historical events and their geographical placement, and*

**Major Movements—**

*cultural, political, religious*

Additional units are planned on the history of Jewish communities in the United States, Israel, Spain, Amsterdam, Yemen, Ashkenaz (Franco-Germany), Turkey, Alexandria, Babylonia and Italy.

“These multimedia resources represent a highly innovative use of the latest advances to make the study of Jewish history and culture an exciting experience,” said Dr. Jerry Hochbaum, executive vice president of the Memorial Foundation, adding:

“The CD-ROM is a prime example of using modern technology to bring alive an ancient tradition.”

The Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, the only international body solely dedicated to advancing Jewish cultural activities worldwide, was established in 1965 with reparations funds from the government of West Germany. Since its formation, the Foundation has allocated more than \$62.5 million to promote Jewish cultural activity and to train scholars, educators and communal workers to further the revival of Jewish life all but obliterated by the Nazis in Eastern Europe. Its programs now extend throughout Europe, as well as Israel, North and South America and scattered communities in the Far East.



# Hate on the Internet

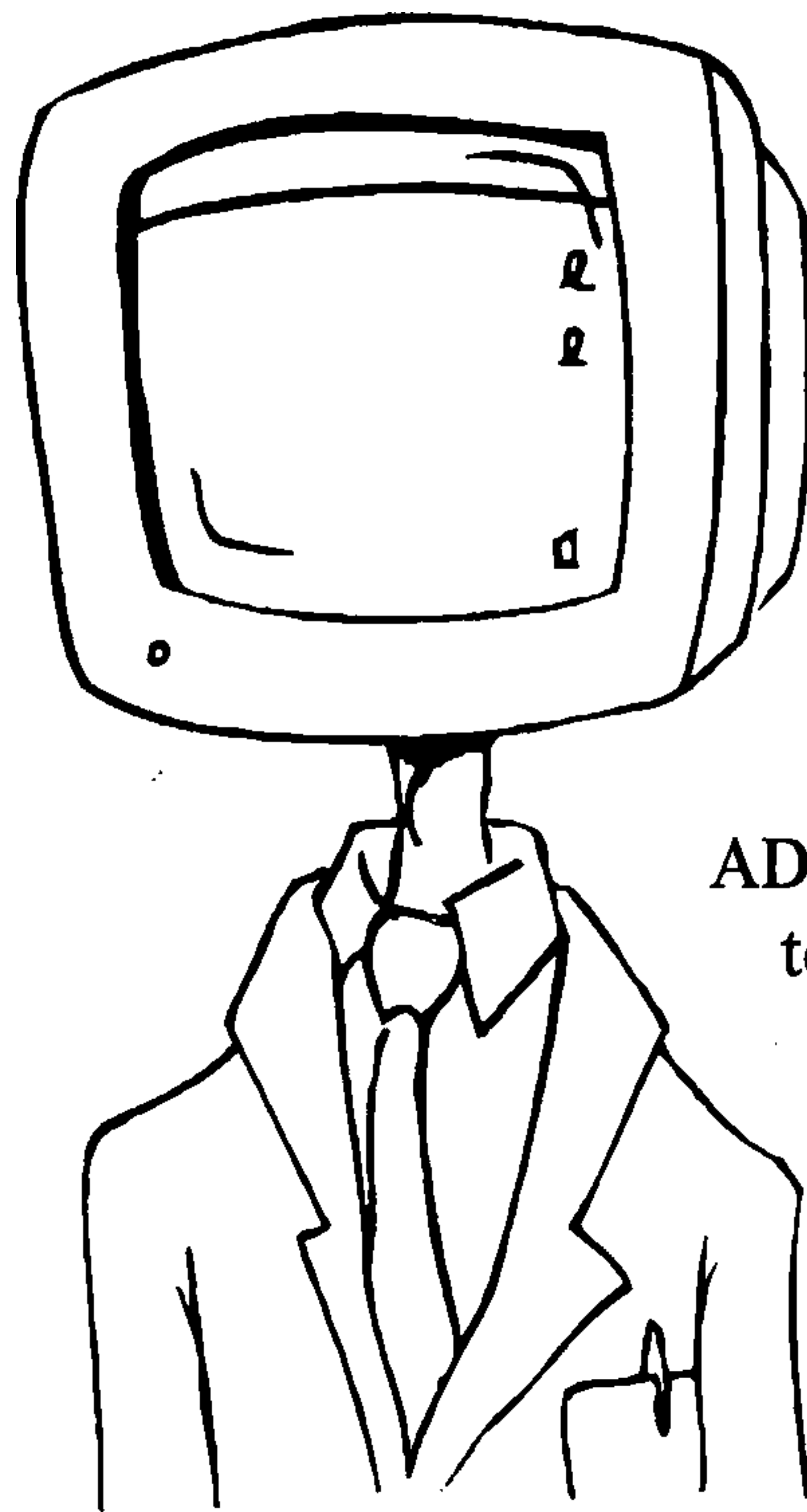
## ADL Has Information for Concerned Parents

Children exploring the information super highway can encounter racist and anti-Semitic hate messages from extremists such as the KKK, neo-Nazi skinheads and the National Alliance. In an ongoing effort to fight hate on the Internet, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) has prepared a guide encouraging parents to stay abreast of their child's on-line exploration. The League's homepage, located at <http://www.adl.org>, provides information essential to counteracting the hate in a manner consistent with the First Amendment.

**WARNING! HATE ZONE, A Parent's Guide: Help Your Child Safely Navigate the Internet** provides questions and answers for parents who want to help their children distinguish good information from bad information and productively deal with harmful and racist messages. The guide presents a list of appropriate ADL resources that address how to talk to your children about prejudice and bigotry.

"High-tech haters are all the more pernicious because they are targeting the television-reared, multi-media, computer literate generation: our youth," says Abraham H. Foxman, ADL National Director. "We need to meet the challenge of dealing with hate in this new and evolving environment by becoming educated consumers of cyberspace," added Mr. Foxman. "As we move into the 21st century, the ADL is committed to using the new technology to hold hatemongers up to public scrutiny, as we have been doing since 1913."

*Warning: Hate Zone* is a valuable companion piece to the ADL report, *The Web of Hate: Extremists Exploit the Internet*, exposing extremist hate groups who have extended their reach into homes, offices and schools

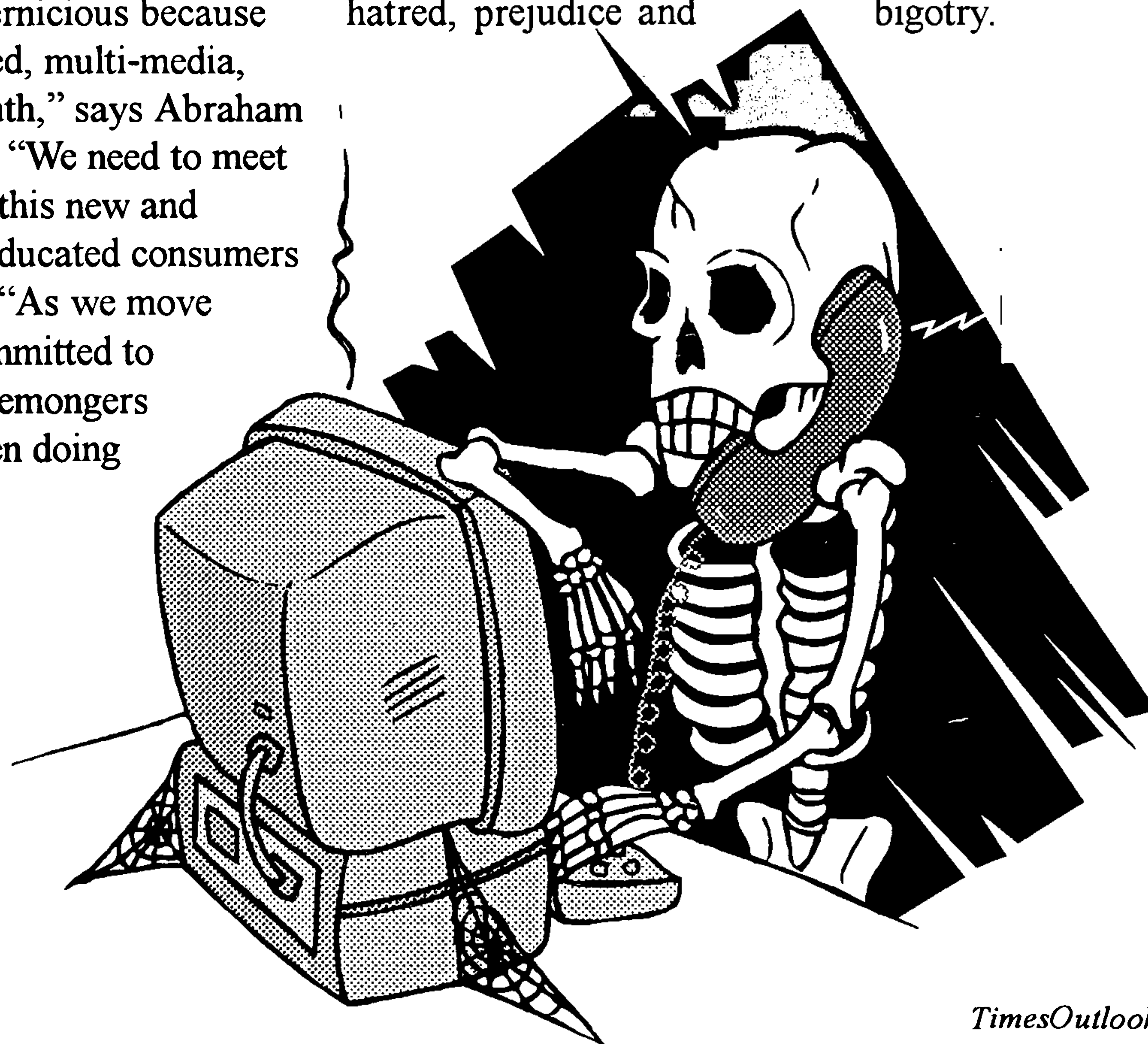


through the Internet. Parents and children can become educated consumers of on-line information. Armed with information, children are more prepared for confrontations with racists' messages and are more likely to recognize lies, often deceptively packaged as credible resources.

ADL and its Internet Monitoring Unit continue to counter the propaganda, providing users with up-to-date information to challenge the hatemongers and working with providers to see that user guidelines are met.

The 60-page report, *The Web of Hate: Extremists Exploit the Internet*, can be ordered for \$9.95 plus shipping and handling by contacting the MRC department at 823 United Nations Plaza, N.Y., N.Y. 10017.

The Anti-Defamation League, founded in 1913, is the world's leading organization fighting anti-Semitism through programs and services that counteract hatred, prejudice and bigotry.





*Sizzling potato  
pancakes  
or sizzling pancakes!  
The choice is yours. . .  
Enjoy!*



## Sweet Potato Latkes

2 large sweet potatoes (1 lb.)  
1 large russet potato (1/2 lb.)  
2 eggs  
3 Tbsps. all-purpose flour  
1 Tbsp. each chopped parsley, red onion, fresh basil  
1-1/2 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
Light olive oil  
1 large ripe plantain (1/2 lb.), peeled, thinly sliced.

Shred potatoes. Stir in eggs, flour, parsley, onion, basil, salt, and pepper until mixed. In large skillet over medium heat, heat 3 tablespoons olive oil. For each latke, place two or three slices of plantain in hot oil. Top with heaping tablespoon of the potato mixture, flattening with back of spoon. Fry until golden brown on both sides, adding olive oil as needed. Drain on paper towels. Place on baking sheet, lined with paper towels, and keep warm in 250 degree oven while preparing remaining latkes. Makes about 20.



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In a deep, heavy 10- to 12-inch skillet, heat oil. For each pancake, drop about 2 tablespoons potato mixture into hot oil. Flatten with back of a spoon so each cake is approximately 2-1/2 to 3 inches in diameter. Fry over medium heat about 4 to 5 minutes on each side, or until golden brown and crisp. Turn carefully with 2 square spatulas. Drain on paper towels. Stir mixture before adding each new batch. Add more oil to pan if necessary. Serve hot. Makes approximately 15 latkes, 4 to 5 servings.

*Note: Potato pancakes can be prepared in advance and refrigerated or frozen on a cookie sheet; when frozen, they can be transferred to a plastic bag. Before reheating, thaw briefly. Reheat in a 450 degree oven.*

### Zucchini Latkes with Garlic

The delicate green of the zucchini shows through the golden brown pancakes.

3 cups coarsely grated zucchini (about 3 medium)  
1 tablespoon chopped garlic  
1 large egg, lightly beaten  
3 tablespoons flour  
1/4 cup vegetable oil (for frying)  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

In a large mixing bowl combine zucchini and garlic. Season with salt and pepper. Add beaten egg and stir in lightly. Stir in flour.

In a large, deep, heavy skillet heat oil. For each pancake drop 1 heaping tablespoon of zucchini mixture into pan. Flatten them slightly with back of a spoon. Fry over medium heat about 2 to 3 minutes each side, or until golden brown. Turn very carefully so oil doesn't splatter. Drain on paper towels. Stir zucchini mixture before adding each new batch. If all oil is absorbed, add a little more to pan. Serve hot. Makes 12 small latkes, about 4 appetizers or side-dish servings.

### Spinach Latkes

Top with a dollop of sour cream or yogurt-garlic-herb topping and sprinkle with diced tomatoes

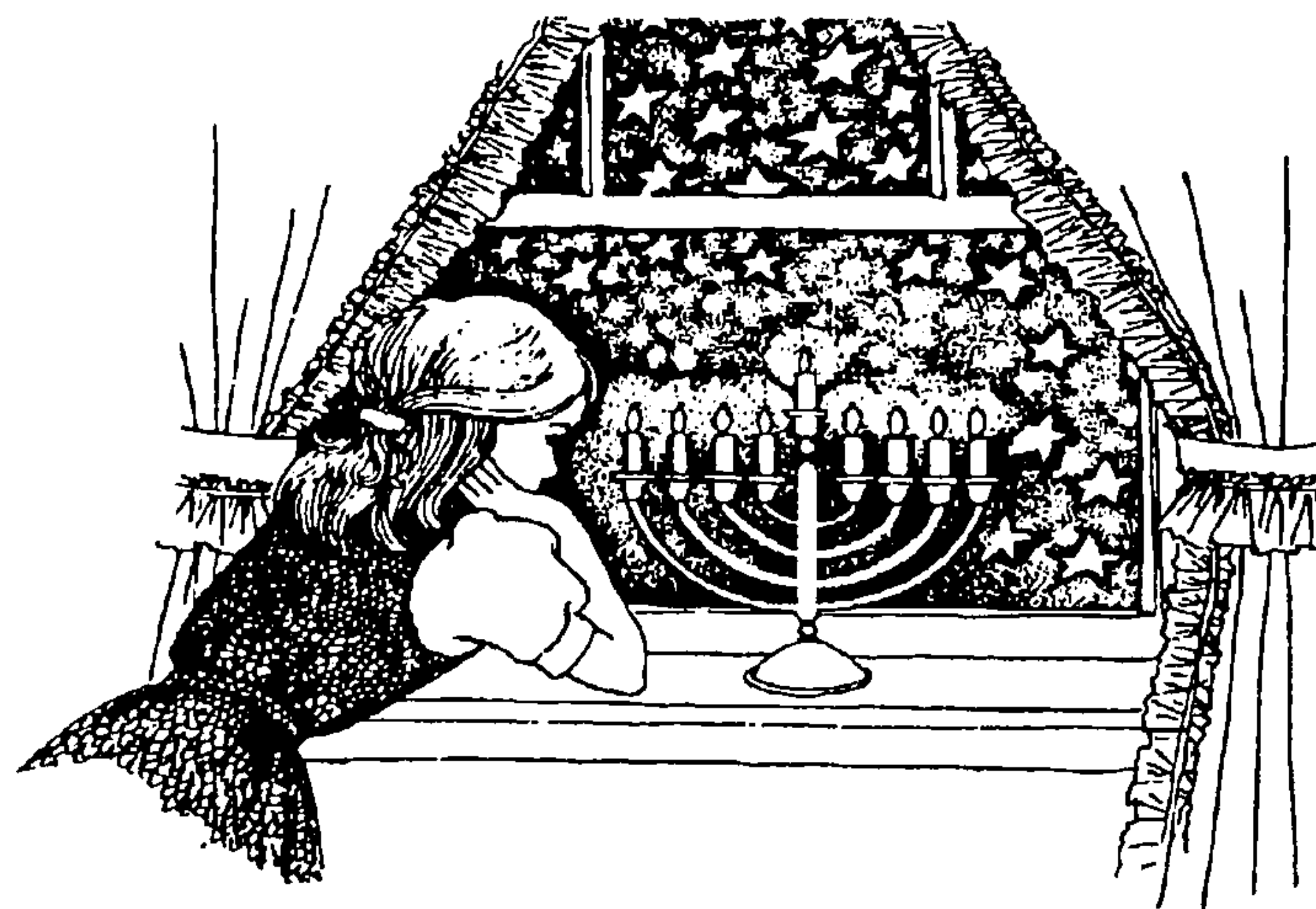
2-1/4 lbs. fresh spinach, stems removed leaves rinsed well  
2 Tbsps. butter or margarine  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
Freshly grated nutmeg, to taste  
1/2 cup flour  
2 large eggs  
1/4 cup vegetable oil (for frying)

In a large pot of boiling salted water cook spinach about 3 minutes, or until tender. Rinse under cold water. Drain spinach and squeeze to remove all excess liquid. Chop finely. In a medium skillet over medium heat, melt butter. Add chopped spinach and cook about 2 minutes, stirring. Season to taste with salt, pepper and nutmeg. Transfer mixture to a large mixing bowl and set aside.

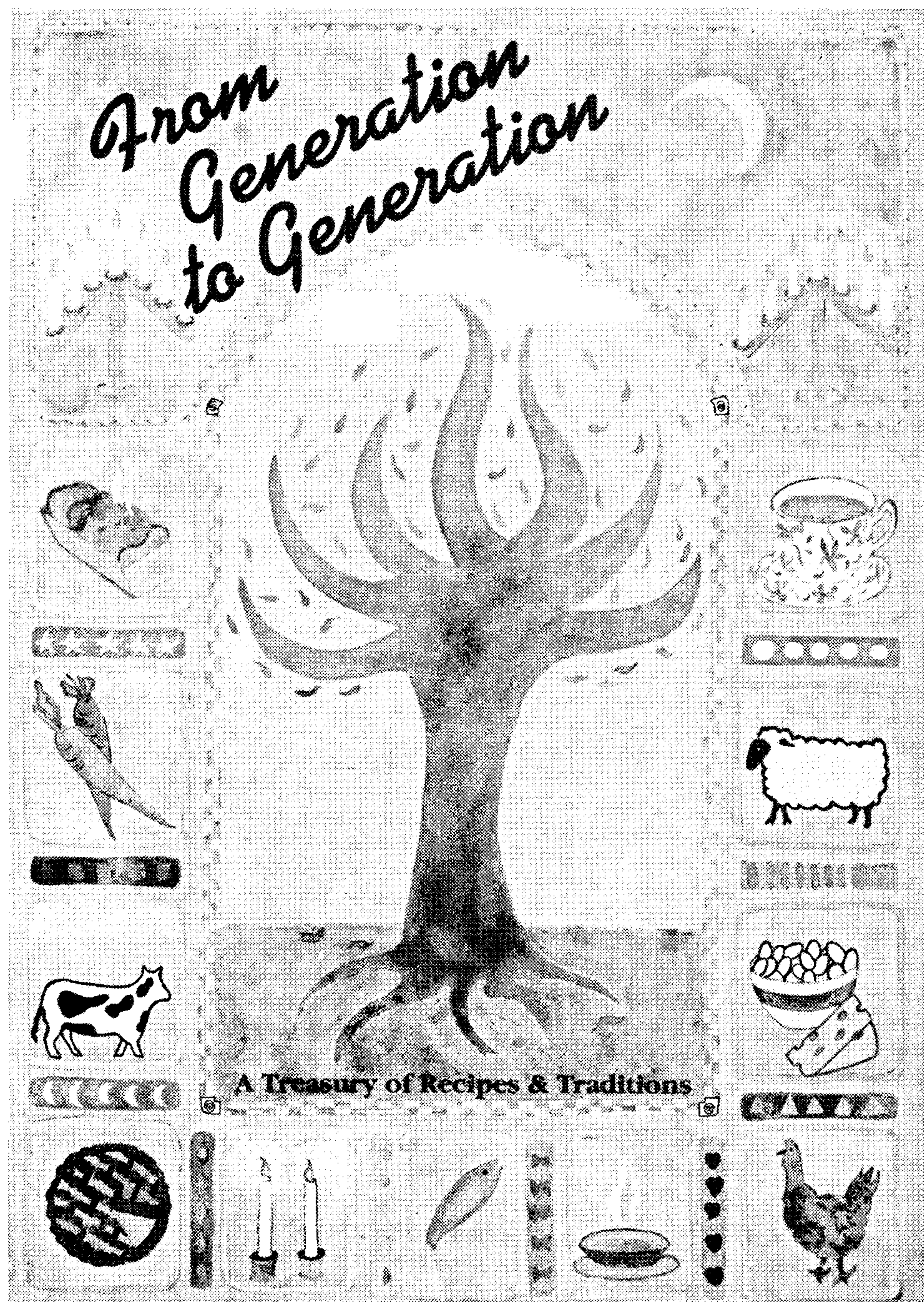
In a medium mixing bowl combine flour and eggs. Season with 1/4 teaspoon salt, pepper and nutmeg to taste. Mix to make a very thick batter. Add batter to spinach and mix very well. Taste and adjust seasonings.

In a large heavy skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Fry spinach mixture by tablespoonfuls, flattening each after adding it, about 2 minutes on each side or until golden. Transfer to paper towels to drain. Serve hot. Makes 22 to 24 small latkes, about 4 to 6 servings.

*Note: Two 10-ounce packages of frozen spinach leaves can be substituted for fresh. Thaw spinach, squeeze to remove all excess liquid, and chop.*







*The cover of **From Generation to Generation**, the prize-winning cookbook of the Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El, a Reform synagogue in Dallas, Texas. The illustration is by Camille Kress, a prominent southwest artist and member of the congregation.*

**B**ack in 1975, the Sisterhood of Cincinnati's Rockdale Temple, a Reform synagogue, decided to raise money by publishing—what else?—a cookbook.

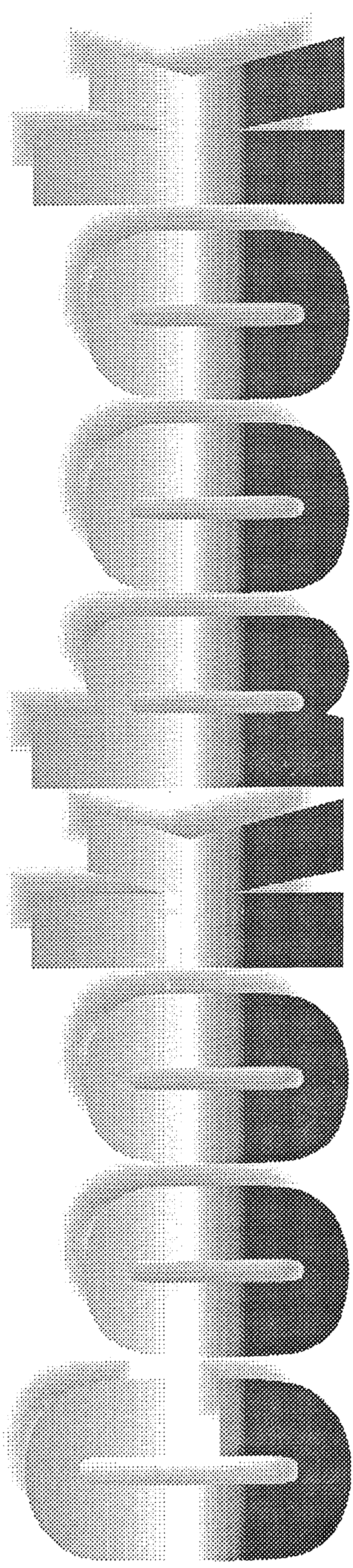
It was an obvious solution, according to Barbara Rosenberg, one of the editors, who explains wryly that “in those days women were still expected to excel in the kitchen.”

The cookbook was a “specialty” volume, devoted exclusively to hors d’oeuvres and soups. It became a national best seller, featured by major book chains and publicized in magazines and on radio and TV. Hundreds of thousands of copies were sold.

While it was a stunning success, the Rockdale sisterhood's gastronomic blockbuster was no pioneering venture. Reform sisterhoods have been publishing cookbooks almost since the birth of the sisterhood movement 150 years ago. Judith O. Rosenkranz, president of Women of Reform Judaism—The Federation of Temple Sisterhoods (WRJ)—central body of some 600 Reform sisterhoods in the United States and Canada—estimates that between half and three-quarters of all Reform sisterhoods have published cookbooks at one time or other.

Betty Eichenbaum Benjamin, who served as WRJ president in the mid-1970-s, has made a hobby of collecting sisterhood cookbooks from across the United States and Canada.





She recently donated 32 from her collection—including one dating from 1914—to Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), which has what is believed to be the world's largest existing collection of Jewish cookbooks—approximately 700—printed in dozens of languages and representing past and present Jewish communities from every continent. WRJ is conducting a drive for additional sisterhood cookbooks to add to the HUC-JIR collection. Ellen Y. Rosenberg, executive director of WRJ, anticipates that the sisterhood collection will prove to be “a commentary on our Jewish heritage and geographic distribution of good taste.”

#### Reflecting Jewish Life

In recent years, the primary motivation for cookbook publishing among sisterhoods has been fundraising. But leaders of WRJ point out that such manuals also help preserve and transmit Jewish culture and traditions from one generation to the next.

This observation is echoed by Dr. David Gilner, director of libraries for HUC-JIR, who notes that cookbooks “as we know them today” date back to 1825, when a French lawyer and gastronome named Anthelme Brillat-Savarin published a witty treatise titled “The Physiology of Taste.” A decade later, a cookbook featuring German-Jewish recipes appeared in Germany.

“Cookbooks reflect the customs of particular communities,” Dr. Gilner says. “They also tell how Jewish law is observed—or not observed—in a locality. Some Jewish cookbooks will include shellfish dishes—traditionally viewed as *unkosher*—while shunning pork, which is almost universally eschewed. Available ingredients and the practices of the general community in a given area have a lot to do with

it. Ethnographically, how Jews cook provides insight into their local culture and tells how they adapted to conditions in that community. Cookbooks are a rich source of information for anthropologists and social historians.”

In fact, 19th century Jewish cookbooks carried not only recipes but comments and instruction on such subjects as hygiene, household management and education for women as well as ads for foods, goods and services, thus offering an invaluable picture of Jewish domestic life.

#### From Lockshen Kugel to Gefilte Fish

Want to know how to make lockshen kugel (noodle pudding)? Hamentaschen (pastry stuffed with a prune-nut-raisin mix)? Haroset (chopped apples, nuts and cinnamon) for a seder?

These and dozens of other time-honored Jewish recipes are the basic elements of most sisterhood cookbooks, although the ingredients may vary widely from region to region and community to community. But many of the books also include a potpourri of other ethnic and regional dishes. Sisterhood cookbooks in the Southwest, for example, may contain such regional fare as chili, tortilla meat loaf or caldillo (Mexican beef stew). Others—like the Rockdale cookbook—depart from a broad-based menu and concentrate exclusively on selected courses.

Jewish scholars point out that food and cooking have been one of the foundations of Jewish culture from Biblical times, playing a key role in celebrations and special events. Probably the best-known illustration is the consumption of matzoh on Passover, memorializing the exodus from Egypt, when Jews were forced to bake unleavened bread in the desert.



During the Jewish dispersal, Jewish historians say, a variety of ethnic dishes evolved, many of them regional that utilized locally available ingredients and demonstrated innovative ways to stretch food. Jewish communities often were the poorest in an area, so it was common practice to eat meagerly throughout the week in order to save money for the festive Shabbat evening meal. One example of such frugality was the "invention" of gefilte fish (literally "filled fish")—a pricey item in today's supermarket—that is said to have originated as a way of cutting food costs by mixing stale bread with small amounts of the inexpensive fish.

#### 'From Generation to Generation'

Following oral tradition, mothers passed down folk recipes through their daughters. Many still do. But Jewish cookbooks have made it easier to preserve traditional dishes.

In addition to the Rockdale publication, other sisterhood cookbooks have garnered nationwide attention over the years. Recent successes include *From Generation to Generation*, a 334-page work published by the Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El in Dallas.

Graphically attractive, with watercolor illustrations by artist and temple member Camille Kress (whose work was featured in the 1992-93 nationally-distributed WRJ Art Calendar) the cookbook includes everyday meals as well as holiday dishes and recipes for special occasions. Articles about the publication have appeared in major newspapers and magazines. Several of its recipes were featured in the 1995 edition of "America's Best Recipes" and one dish, "Gypsy Brisket," will be highlighted in *Gourmet* magazine.

"Among Jews, the art of cooking is an important part of Jewish culture," says Ms. Benjamin, the former WRJ president and cookbook collector. "Eating may be a necessity but enjoying the food we eat is important. Sisterhood cookbooks help reflect the times, the traditions and the faith of our members, as well as the regional cultures that help shape our lives. In short, they tell us something about our history as Jews."

#### Recipe for Gypsy Brisket

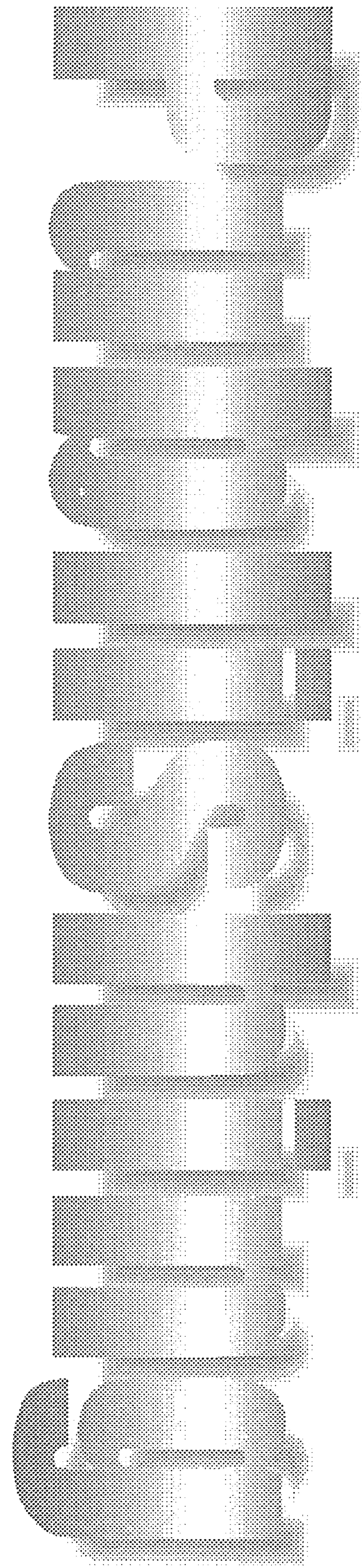
A *Gourmet* magazine selection from *Generation to Generation*, published by the Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El, Dallas, Texas.

##### Ingredients:

2 teaspoons salt  
2 teaspoons pepper  
2 tablespoons paprika  
4 cloves of garlic, minced or crushed  
1 teaspoon ground cloves  
enough water to make a paste  
5-6 pounds brisket  
2-1/2 cups canned tomatoes (1 large can, undrained)  
2 large onions, diced  
1/2 to 1 pound sliced mushrooms  
1 green bell pepper, diced  
2 tablespoons ketchup

Make a paste of the salt, pepper, paprika, garlic, cloves and enough water to make it stick together. Rub the Brisket all over, including the top, bottom and sides, with this mixture. Place in a roasting pan and brown the roast, uncovered, at 350 degrees, for 45 minutes.

Remove the brisket from the oven. Combine in a large bowl the tomatoes, onions, mushrooms, bell pepper and ketchup. Top brisket with mixture. Cover tightly and cook until done, about 3 - 3-1/2 hours.





# Book and Author — 1996

by Amalia Warshenbrot — Librarian  
Speizman Jewish Library

One of our challenges each year is to find a speaker for the Book and Author program. This year is special as we celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of this program. Ten years ago I met for the first time with Elizabeth Klein who stated that the Charlotte Chapter of Hadassah would like to present an educational program that will be open to the entire community. Each summer a committee made up of Hadassah members and the library committee brainstorm to come up with a topic of interest to those who wish to expand their knowledge of Judaica. Our audience is valuable. We search by different criteria. While last year we wanted a topic about which little was known, this year we have agreed on a thought provoking topic. Watching people around us we see the struggle to find the happy medium between preserving our Jewishness and living comfortably in the American Christian society. Ann Roiphe was the author selected because she shares her personal journey. Mrs. Roiphe will talk about her non-fiction account titled "Generation Without Memory." I will not discuss this book, however, I would like to point out the interesting connection between this book and her fiction "Loving Kindness" that deals with the ties between a mother and daughter. While it is a story of a daughter's rebellion, the daughter is the one who finds happiness in choosing faith over life without rules or laws. Mrs. Roiphe is not preaching. She gives a



stimulating talk that is intellectually provocative.

Please join us on Sunday, December 15, 1996, at 7:30 PM in Gorelick Hall of Shalom Park. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for seniors and students.

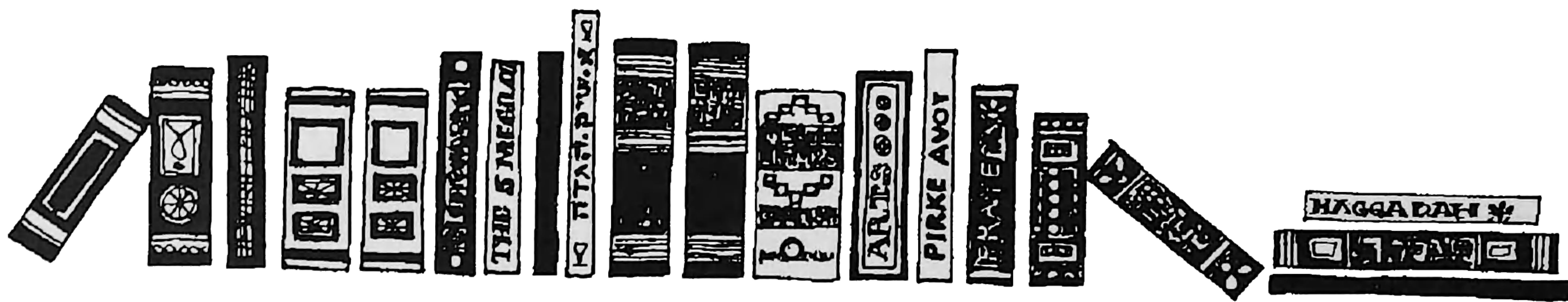
Hadassah is seeking patrons to help underwrite this event, as well as to support the Speizman Jewish Library and Hadassah. Grand Patrons are \$250 per couple, Sustaining Patrons are \$100 per couple, Patrons are \$36 per couple and Chavereem are \$18 per person. All patrons will meet

with Mrs. Roiphe for a Patron's reception that will follow the lecture.

Please make your donation payable to Hadassah and mail to Ruth Stockinger, 4923 Torrey Pines Court, Charlotte NC 28226.

Chairpersons for the event are Phyllis Berlin and Amalia Warshenbrot. Chairpersons for Fundraising are Marcia Simon and Debby Rosenberger. Publicity Chairs are Suzanne Cannon, Lynda White, Ellie Bantit and Debby Rosenberger. Also on the Committee are Hadassah President Leslie Berro, Roz Cooper, Sandy Hoagland and Ruth Stockinger.

For more information, please call Amalia Warshenbrot at the Speizman Jewish Library, 704-366-5007, ext. 258.





# BOOKS

## Kids Explore America's Jewish Heritage

by Student Authors

John Muir Publications 160 pp. \$9.95

A welcome addition to the "Kids Explore" series, the new book, Kids Explore America's Jewish Heritage, celebrates Jewish culture, including holidays, games, food and more. It also explains the long heritage of Judaism.

Like the other books in the series, it is written by 66 Jewish children and 34 non-Jewish children. It emphasizes the contributions of Jewish people to American culture.

The series has been hailed by educational journals and parent magazines. It inspires understanding, tolerance, respect for differences and self respect by sharing experiences, values, concerns and joys of people of different heritage in the United States.

Other books in the series are about African American, Hispanic, Japanese American, and Western Native American, as well as children with special needs. Books in the series are created by school children across the country under the direction of Judy Cozzens, a teacher in the Jefferson County School District near Denver CO.

Royalties from the sale of the books help fund future summer workshops in which the books are written.

Available at bookstores, or order by phone: 800-888-7504.

## Where Does God Live?

by Rabbi Marc Gellman & Monsignor Thomas Hartman

Triumph Books 144 pp. \$10.00 paperback

This is a book of questions and answers for parents and children. It is an ecumenical look at the mysteries surrounding God. This paperback edition is newly published, after successful reception in hard cover in 1991. This work builds a valuable bridge between faiths. Deep and ancient questions are posed, and explanations are offered as a means for parents and children to talk, helping through what may be awkward moments.

The authors co-host "The God Squad," a weekly national cable television religious program. They also make frequent appearances on Good Morning, America. Together they have also written another book, "How Do You Spell God?"

Rabbi Marc Gellman is rabbi of

Temple Beth Torah in Melville NY, and he teaches at UAHJ/Jewish Institute of Religion in New York.

Monsignor Thomas Hartman, D.Min., is director of radio and television for the Diocesan Television Center, Long Island NY, and he is host of a national radio program on WABC, "Journeys Through Rock."

*This book is an excellent gift for December.*

## Sefer Ha-Aggadah; The Book of Legends for Young Readers

by Seymour Rossel

UAHC Press 67 pp. \$15 paperback

SEFER HA-AGGADAH was first published in Hebrew in Odessa, Russia, between 1908 and 1911, by Hayim Nahman Bialik and Yehoshua Hana Ravnitzky. This adaptation is by Seymour Rossel.

Both Bialik and Ravnitzky were already well known. They were trying to bring ancient Hebrew to life as a modern language. They used stories that had been told by sages of old, who wove stories around Jewish heritage. The tales were filled with lessons of masterful teachings. As they were told



and retold, they had been shaped and embellished. As time passed, when the names of the original rabbis were forgotten, people started the teaching with "Our sages taught" or "Our rabbis said," as we begin stories with "Once upon a time."

The original Sefer Ha-Aggadah contains hundreds of precious stories. This book contains one dozen. It is a first volume, undertaken by the UAHC Press. The tales are selected as appropriate for children. The first translation into English was by Rabbi William G. Braude in 1988.

SEFER HA-AGGADAH is illustrated in black and white and full color by artist Judy Dick. It is recommended for ages 8 to 13.

Closing the introduction to the book is this invitation: "Welcome to a world created in ancient times, arranged in modern times, and set before you as a gateway between the past and the future. May these tales bring you closer to God and God's creation and set your steps firmly on the pathways of peace."

This is an ideal gift book.

### **Beyond The Whiteness of Whiteness: Memoir of a White Mother of Black Sons**

Duke University Press 140 pp.  
\$17.95

by Jane Lazarre

Because Jane Lazarre is a white, Jewish woman married to a Black man and they are parents of two Black sons, she is well qualified to write about racism in America. Even so, her sons fear that she cannot completely understand their experience.

Her sons are men now, aged 22 and 26, and the family is loving and supportive of one another. They live in New York City, where Jane's husband served as Commissioner of Human Rights under Mario Cuomo.

Jane Lazarre was born of Jewish immigrants who were of Communist persuasion and not religiously observant; however they were without racial prejudice, and approved of their daughter's marriage. She is also integrated into her husband's family, who accepted her without reservations. She met her husband, Douglas White, a lawyer, on a picket line.

*Beyond The Whiteness of Whiteness* will give insight into lives of African-Americans in our time, if the reader will cast off any of his own possible bias. It is not easy to erase the effects of slavery and its aftermath, but America will never be able to achieve its potential until it treats all its inhabitants fairly. We used to think we'd bring it all about through education, but we have not succeeded until now.

Jane Lazarre is Director of the Writing Program and Professor of Writing and Literature at Eugene Lang College, New School for Social Research in New York City. She is the author of *The Mother Knot*, a memoir, novels *Some Kind of Innocence*, *The Powers of Charlotte*, and *Worlds Beyond My Control*, and a volume of essays, *On Loving Men*.

### **Liberating the Gospels: Reading the Bible with Jewish Eyes**

by John Shelby Spong

HarperSanFrancisco 256 pp.  
\$24.00

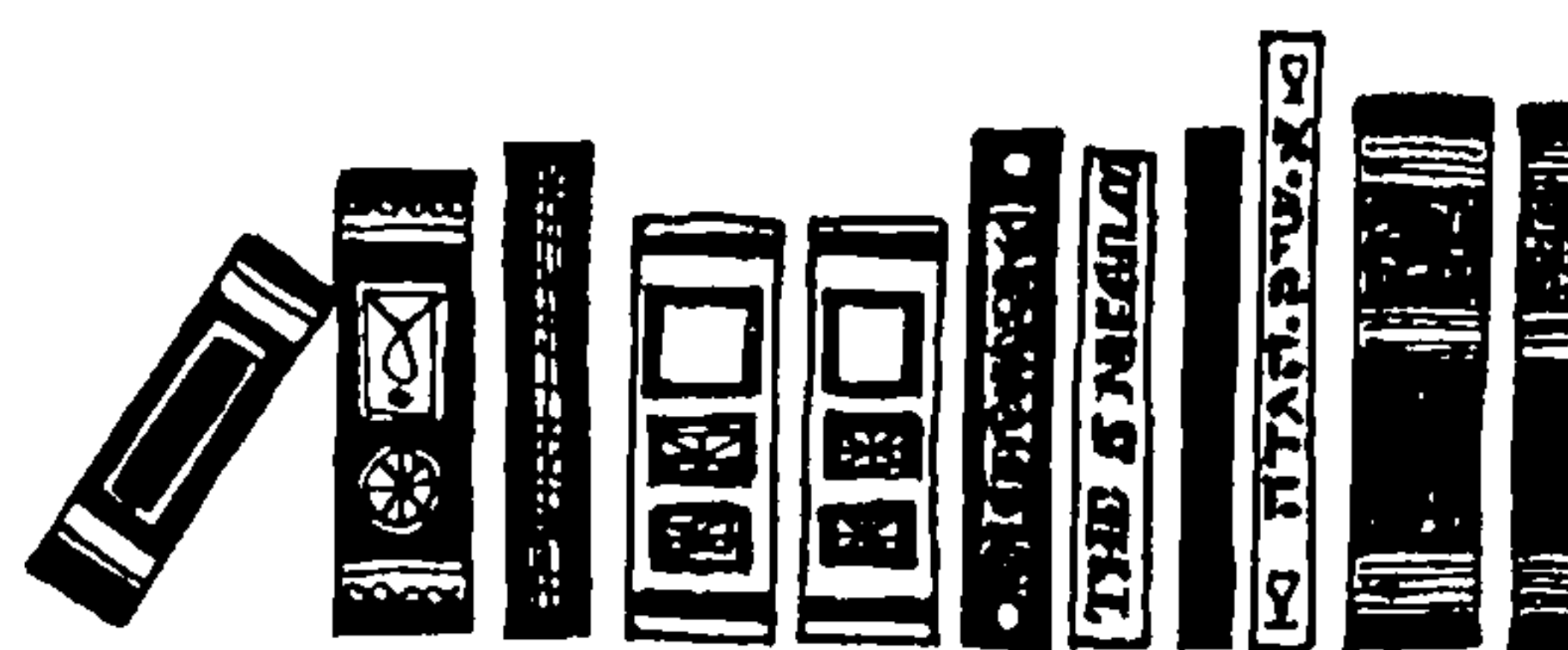
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Bishop Spong's new book contends that the New Testament, The Gospels, if you will, are thoroughly Jewish books which have been misread and misunderstood consistently.

His convincing thesis is that those books were written by Jews in the Midrashic style of Jesus' era, and that they were not written as history. Rather, they were narratives meant to be interpreted as the meanings of the teachings of Jesus, based on themes from our Hebrew Bible.

Through modern scholarship and research of the New Testament period, there has evolved a new perception of the events which shaped its Scriptures. Bishop Spong examines each book with reference to the Bible and its liturgical year, illuminating the connections which were natural to the Jewish writers of the Gospels.

John Shelby Spong is Episcopal Bishop of Newark NJ, and he has written numerous books, including *Rescuing the Bible From Fundamentalism*. He is a leader of liberal Christianity, and has boldly challenged fanaticism and bigotry, creating strong controversy in the process. This latest work is exciting and worthy of the praise it has earned from noted scholars and reviewers. By no means the least of its goals is the eradication of anti-Semitism and other forms of intolerance and prejudice.





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Rabbi Bogot notes that while the idea for the book emerged from the Jewish tradition," the seven days of creation story is universal, and is the beginning of religious experience. This book delivers an interfaith message to all families who want their children to discover the wonder and awe in Creation."

Rabbi Elliot L. Stevens, director of CCAR Press, says: "It is our hope that parents of all religious backgrounds will find this non-denominational book a comfortable way to introduce the idea of God." He said that *Becky and Benny Thank God* has been "warmly received" by Christian and Jewish educators throughout North America who received pre-publication copies. The publication date is November 7.

While the CCAR Press has previously published religion-oriented books for older youngsters, this is the first time it has produced a work addressed to the 1-to-5 age group. Handsomely designed with colorful illustrations, *Becky and Benny Thank God* invites children to see, feel and smell, even as they are told about the wonders of God's creation.

The proper age to introduce children to the notion of God and addressing God's dominance over the universe through prayer has long been debated by religious leaders and experts in child psychology. Rabbi Stevens explains that a decade ago, before embarking on its programs of publishing religious books for youngsters, the CCAR convened a national advisory group on children's liturgy, including experts in child development, psychology, education, linguistics, music liturgy and worship. This panel developed the criteria followed by all of CCAR's children's books, based on its conclusion that children of all ages can relate to

religious imagery if properly conveyed.

"Teaching very young children about God, prayer and religion provides the framework for their development as spiritually sensitive adults," says Rabbi Bogot.

The key to instilling religious belief among the very young, he notes, is to avoid promoting "dogma"—canons or doctrines that require a sophisticated level of information—and appeal to the child's ability to enjoy "primary" experiences, such as viewing a sunrise or sunset, the blossoming of flowers or the blinking of stars in a clear night sky.

"Religious values can be taught to toddlers and pre-schoolers by helping them explore their own young lives and that of the universe," Rabbi Bogot adds. "*Becky and Benny Thank God* is designed to give parents, grandparents and older siblings a resource to open the child's eyes to the world around him or her and instill humility, sensitivity and goodness, in accordance with the legacy of being created in God's image."

Rabbi Bogot, who now lives in Netanya, Israel holds graduate degrees in education and formerly served as director of the Department of Education of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, central body of Reform Judaism in North America. A former resident of New York City, he is the author of several previous books for elementary school youngsters that have been published by the CCAR Press, including *Gates of Awe*, *Gates of Wonder* and *A Children's Haggadah*, which has become a best-seller. He recently completed *Seder With the Animals*, co-authored with his wife Mary K. Bogot, which introduces preschoolers

to the Jewish holiday of Passover.

Illustrator Norman Gorbaty is an award-winning graphic designer, artist and illustrator whose work includes several children's books, among them *Seder With The Animals*, *God's Gift*, books for "Sesame Street" and *The Little Dinosaur* series for Random House.

## Miraculous Living

by Rabbi Shoni Labowitz

Simon & Schuster 334 pp. \$23.00

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

"A Guided Journey in Kabbalah Through the Ten Gates of the Tree of Life" is the subtitle of *Miraculous Living*.

Rabbi Shoni Labowitz is a female rabbi and an influential leader of the Jewish Renewal movement, founded by Rabbi Zalman Schacter-Shalomi. She and her husband are rabbis of Temple Adath Or and conduct LivingWaters, a spiritual health retreat.

In this book, the ten branches of the Kabbalistic Tree of Life are depicted. Each branch opens to reveal one of Ten Heavenly Gates, leading to the powers of God with the powers of every human being.

This is said to be the first book to draw on the doctrines of Kabbalah, developed in the 12th and 13th centuries. The intent of the author is to take us into the world of knowledge and intuition, then to move into the emotional sphere, and finally to assist us to enter the physical realm.



From an Orthodox Jewish background, Rabbi Labowitz has explored Buddhism and other Eastern philosophies incorporated in the spiritual path she follows. *Miraculous Living* contains guides to practices of meditation. The miracle of following this road occurs through emptying oneself of the clutter and clatter of daily life, and replacing that with "a deep sense of peace emanating from the fullness of God."

### Bible Then and Now

by Jenny Roberts

Macmillan 144 pp. \$29.95

Through vivid reconstructions of some of its most significant sites and stories, the Bible is brought to life on each page of *Bible Then and Now*. The book superimposes color recreations of historical sacred locales over present-day photographs, showing how each place appeared in its time of Biblical significance and how it appears now—from Athens to Ziggurats, from Jerusalem to Jericho. More than 150 color contemporary photographs and fourteen precisely rendered see-through acetate overlays illustrate *Bible Then and Now*, along with maps, diagrams and reproductions of ancient art and artifacts that evoke the events of both and Old and New Testaments.

With the turn of a page, centuries of change wrought by weather, war and an array of other natural and man-made forces are banished. The harsh toll of time is erased from the face of ancient Ephesus (in modern-day Turkey), where St. Paul faced down the pagans and preached the gospel of resurrection. The broken columns of Cyprus—birthplace of ancient Aphrodite and the Apostle Barnabus—are restored to their original stature. The City of Jericho

stands once again as it was before Joshua and his army (with divine assistance) brought the walls "tumbling down."

Accompanying the innovative overlay illustrations is a clear and concise text that places each site in historical and biblical context. *Bible Then and Now* also features stimulating sidebars containing anecdotes from biblical and

archaeological scholars; examinations of recent discoveries; discussions of varied interpretations of Bible stories; and explorations of the social and cultural history of sites that are the foundation of Western religion.

Jenny Roberts is the author of such books as *Bible Facts* and *An Introduction to the Bible*.

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**Y**itzhak Rabin gave me hope for a peaceful and prosperous future in Israel.

Like most of Israel's silent majority, I accepted and welcomed Rabin's courageous steps towards dealing with Arafat, Israel's one-time mortal enemy, and believed that the momentum of the wheels Rabin set in motion for peace could never be stopped.

I moved to Israel in 1989. At that time, the words "intifada" and "occupied territories" were our daily bread. After Rabin and Arafat's handshake at the White House in September 1993, those words were replaced with "peace" and "new Middle East." I was hopeful.

Then came a wave of unspeakable violence committed by Muslim extremists. My nerves frazzled as terrorist bombings took tens of innocent lives in places that I could easily have been. But Rabin pledged to forge ahead. He convinced me that the violence would not torpedo the peace process. I was hopeful.

The morning after Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated, I cradled my one-and-a-half-year-old daughter in my arms while watching the news on television. I didn't leave the house that day. I was paralyzed, waiting for some breaking news that would somehow change the fact of his death.

A Jew had killed another Jew for having a different opinion. He said God told him to do it. Where was the tolerance for others I was taught to believe in America? Where was the dogma of Jewish education encouraging one to ask questions, disagree, debate and listen? How did it happen?



I can't imagine a single Israeli—left wing or right—who didn't ask himself if he wasn't somehow personally responsible for what had happened. I know I did.

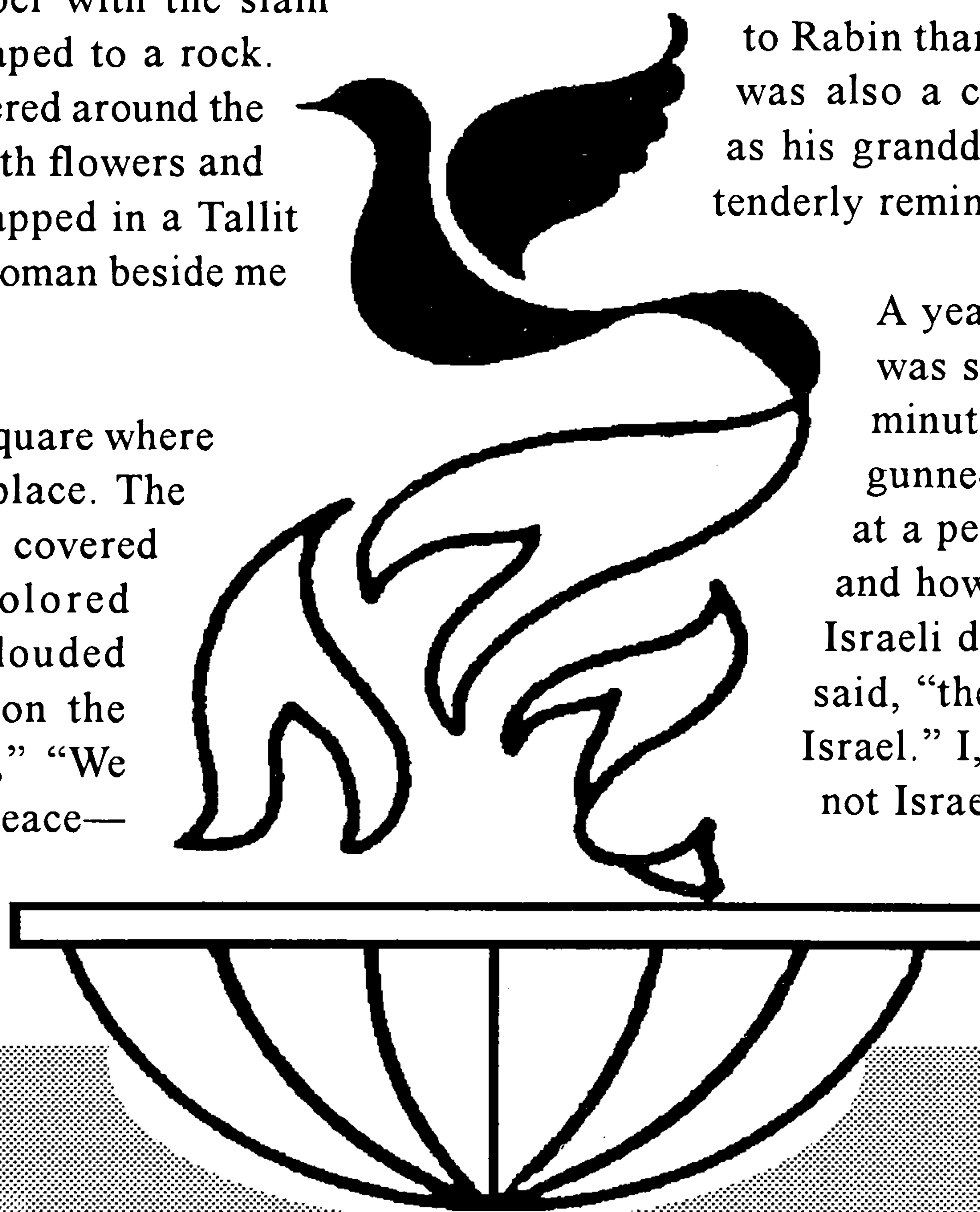
I was drawn to Rabin square, to the place where Rabin was gunned down. An impromptu memorial was erected there featuring the front page of a Hebrew-language newspaper with the slain prime minister's picture taped to a rock. Thousands of candles flickered around the memorial that was piled with flowers and personal notes. A man wrapped in a Tallit (prayer shawl) prayed. A woman beside me wailed uncontrollably.

I climbed the stairs to the square where the peace rally had taken place. The white concrete railing was covered with layers of multicolored graffiti. Through tear clouded eyes I read the writings on the wall—"Stop the Violence," "We Will Remember", "Yes to Peace—No to Violence". I trekked across the

square, sliding on wax from melted memorial candles that filled every inch of the pebble stone concrete slabs. Teenagers huddled together, their arms wrapped around each other, their faces sad and silent.

I was deeply moved by the great numbers of Israeli youth who sat in mass candle lighting vigils across the nation. I learned that there was more to Rabin than his gruff pragmatism. He was also a caring, loving grandfather, as his granddaughter Noa Ben Artzi so tenderly reminded us at his funeral.

A year has passed since Rabin was shot. Ironically, just minutes before Rabin was gunned down he was speaking at a peace rally about violence and how it erodes the basis of Israeli democracy. "It is not," he said, "the way of the State of Israel." I, too, believe that this is not Israel's way and that the majority of Israelis want peace and will unite to pave the way back to peace.







## Temple Beth haTephila

Asheville NC

by Marjorie Schachter

**THE SISTERHOOD** held its board meeting on September 9, and again on September 16, at which time the group discussed possible revisions to its constitution and renewed its commitment to actively fulfilling its obligation to the Temple.

**THE BROTHERHOOD** together with the Sisterhood scheduled a brunch for Sunday morning, October 20. . . More about this next month.

**LUNCH WITH THE RABBI IN THE SUKKAH.** This annual event took place this year on Monday, September 30. The topic of discussion was "The Plight of the Agunah" from an article published in the January, 1996 issue of *The Jewish Monthly*. Quoting Rabbi Ratner in the Temple Bulletin, "The 'agunah' is the woman in Jewish law who is unable to remarry because her husband is either unwilling or unable to give her a get, a proper Jewish divorce. This sad story is played out over and over in Israel to this day."

**THE CONSTANCE HEAD MEMORIAL STUDY HOUR,** the annual tribute to the late Constance Head, an active convert to Judaism, took place on September 23 at 1:30 following the Yom Kippur morning service. A special guest this year was

Dr. Thomas Sanders, Director of the World Affairs Council and a Professor of Religion, who spoke on "Islam and Judaism—a Comparison." Elmoiz Abunura, a Muslim and teacher in the Political Science department at

UNCA, also spoke. A question and answer period followed. The many similarities between Islam and Judaism were noted, among them being monotheism, dietary laws, forms of prayer, mysticism, and respect for learning. The question is why, in view of their many similarities, communication between them is so difficult.

**HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES AT THE TEMPLE** started at 7:30 on September 13. Participants in Rosh Hashana services were Nicki Benetan, Shirley Cohen, Frank Edwin, Rubin Feldstein, Salli Gaddini, Randy Gergel, Ellen Gladding, Terry Haney, Hilde Hoffman, who was visiting from Atlanta, Robert Hruska, Robert Janowitz, Morris Karpen, Joe Karpen, Herb Kay, Julie Lee, Marty Lee, Ginger Lerner, Vicki Levy, Sunny and Marvin Newmark, Micah Ratner, who sounded a mighty note on the shofar, William Rocamora, Les Schachter, Arnie Sgan, Sam Shermis, Lulla Shermis, Sonja Shulimson, Eileen and Ned Simon, Alice Spinelli and Trudy Vautrin.

**Rosh Hashana Ushers** were Jack Orenzo, Larry Rapoport, Ted Rose, Allan Abrams, Howard Sellinger, Jack Benetan, Ike Chicurel, Norman Greenberg and Robert Hruska.

**The Rosh Hashana reception** was coordinated by Nicki Benetan, Julie Lee and Cele Resnick, who were responsible for organizing the many contributors of exceptional edibles and

for decorating the tables. Among the helpers were Fran Aaron, Shirley Berdie, Micky Caplan, Sarah Cohen, Ceil Resnick, Lulla Shermis, Ruth Weber, Rene Wolf and Natalie Nachman. Nicki Benetan's table decorations were outstanding.

**Kol Nidrei** participants, in order of the Service, were Leah Karpen, Pauline Berman, Shirley Rapoport, Karl Straus, Jonah Berkey, Barry Katell, Ron Levine, Smadar Yinhar. Also Michael Moore, Wally Wolf, Rosalie Schrier, Larry Rapoport, Susan Ratner, Cele and Jules Resnick, Leon Rocamora, and Peter Meyer.

**Morning Service** participants were Linda and Dennis Pitter, Janet and Ron Grant, Sydelle and Joe Ross, Spencer Gilreath, Micki and Fred Caplan, Mary and Mike Rauchwarg, Lisa Friedenberg and Norman Greenberg. Also Larry Rosenberg, Kerry Friedman, David Cohen, Allen Abrams, Natalie Nachman, Joe Karpen and Bernard Gradman.

**Afternoon service** participants were Sandra and Larry Layton, Sally and Lowell Pearlman, Gerry Haller, Chris and Bill Lang, Harris Livingstain and Frank Gilreath. Also Mark Jaben, Dennis Winner, Diane Moan and Rose Rose, and Maurice Gettleman.

Taking part in the **Yizkor Memorial Service** were Cindy and Mark Vandewart, Ruth and Ike Chicurel, Marjorie and Harold Hankin, and Helene and Leonard Greene.

**Concluding Service** participants were Lillian Bieber, Dava Brothers, Nicki and Ty Erickson, Ruth Weber, Shirley and John Berdie, Barbara Whitaker, Claire and Jack Orenzo, Cathi Shastri, Rachel Smith and Dick Braun.

**Yom Kippur ushers** were Ernie Seiderman, Ed Aaron, Dick Braum,



Irving Studenberg, Herbert Kay, Sam Schapiro, Harris Livingstain, Leon Rocamora, Gerry Haller, Arnie Sgan and Kerry Friedman.

**The Break-the-Fast** was headed by Sonja Shulimson and Seydelle Ross, who rounded up what is surely the best bunch of kitchen helpers and cooks in the country; there were too many to list. Sonja outdid herself in the table decoration department. Services at times were so well attended that extra seats had to be provided. There may be many reasons for the growing popularity of the Temple, but one of them surely is the glowing reputation of Rabbi Ratner.

From the bima, Temple President Joe Karpen thanked custodian Ed Wylie and office mainstay Lonnie Gentile for their indispensable help, the choir, and organist and music director David Cohen for the beautiful music, and Dick Braun for his flute accompaniment.

More September Sisterhood, Adult Education, Confirmation, New Member and Religious School news and other bulletin next time.

## Temple Israel Charlotte NC by Joel Goldman

Temple Israel, founded in 1895, is Charlotte's only Conservative congregation and is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Our 700 family congregation exists to strengthen Judaism through worship, study, celebration and the promotion of well-being. Our spiritual leader is Rabbi Murray Ezring; our Cantor is Elias Roochvarg; our Education Director/Associate Rabbi is Robert Kasman; our Youth Director is Marc Titlebaum; and our Executive Director is Robert Gleiberman.

**Worship Services** for Shabbat are Friday evenings at 6:15 PM (3rd Friday of each month is our Family Shabbat) and Saturday mornings are at 9:30 . Our evening minyans are Monday through Thursday 7:30 PM, Saturday and Sunday 5:30 PM. Our morning minyans are Thursday at 7:30 am and Sunday at 9:30 AM.

## Mazel Tov to the upcoming B'nai Mitzvahs. . .

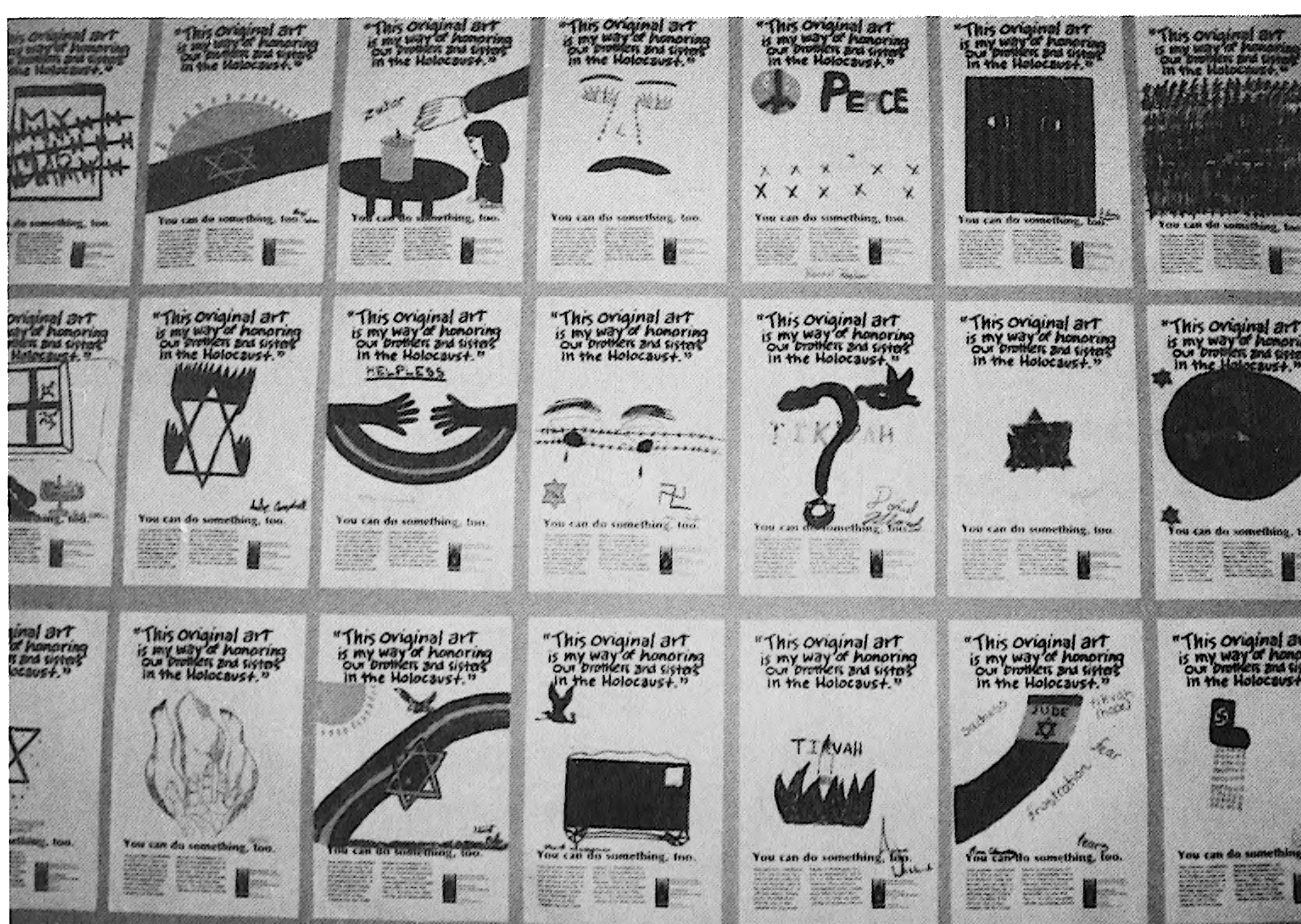
Nov. 2 Amy Mann, daughter of Pearl & Alan Mann.  
Nov. 23 Ron Ezring, son of Barbara & Rabbi Murray Ezring.  
Nov. 30 Keith Levine, son of Shelly & Zack Levine  
Dec. 7 Rena Chernotsky, daughter of Elaine & Harry Chernotsky.  
Dec. 14 Zack Defilipp, son of Dr. Randy & Dr. Gary Defilipp.  
Dec. 21 Joyce Dubin, daughter of Ellen & Dan Dubin.

## We welcome with joy our new arrivals. . .

Alexandra Eve Sacher, daughter of Dr. Ann & William Sacher.  
Daniel Isaac Jaramillo, grandson of Zava & Tom Rosenberg & great-grandson of Jenny Baikovitz.  
Sydney Nicole Gorst, granddaughter of Evelyn & Sam Kreiger.  
Joshua Eric Rotker, son of Dr. Iris & Dr. Jonathan Rotker.  
Ariel Rose Becker, daughter of Jamie & Bruce Becker. .  
Jacob Max Gordon, son of Randi & Marc Gordon.  
Jenna Elise Rosen, daughter of Helene & Mark Rosen.

## Shalom to our new members

Marnie & Kenny Abramowitz  
Robin Heiden  
Robert Greenberg  
Elizabeth Baker  
Joell Alter  
Vicky & Paul Hirschmann  
Rabbi Marc Wilson  
Judith & David Lecker  
Bryan Stein  
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an exhibit entitled "Handmade Books" organized by the Women's Studio Workshop of Rosendale, New York. A few of the books were about the Holocaust and were specially interesting to the group. Cakes and coffee were served and we were delighted to discover a new approach to our Adult Ed. evenings.

We would like to wish all our friends a happy and healthy New Year from the Hickory congregation.

## **Beth Israel Synagogue**

*Asheville NC*

*by Lillian R. Wellisch*

### **ASHEVILLE'S HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL BEGINS!!**

Some exciting news. This past year, we have managed to bring together all of Asheville's teenagers in order that they continue their studies. The HHS (which may be renamed by our teens) will provide an open and exciting environment to expand our young people's Jewish consciousness. We plan to take a trip to New York City. Joining our Rabbi will be Rabbi Ratner and other teachers from our local Jewish Community.

### **WOVEN YOUTH NEWS**

October was a busy month for Woven Youth. In September, the first meeting was held and was a sort of a "getting to know you" month. In October, the meetings and events were as follows: Wednesday, October 2 — Sukkot Cookout, Wednesday, October 16 — Human Dynamics (learning to work as a group), and Wednesday, October 30 — Magical Mystery bus ride. All meetings are held at the Jewish Community Center and new members are always welcome if they are in the ninth to the twelfth grade.

### **RITUAL COMMITTEE**

We are very sorry that Dr. Walter Ziffer is unable to continue as head of the Ritual Committee because of heavy teaching commitments. We will miss his constant guidance and steady voice.

However, there are two very special people to take his place. Dr. Joseph Schandler has agreed to be gabbai and Dr. Ileana Grams has offered to chair the Ritual Committee.

### **FROM THE ADULT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN**

Laurie Reiz tells us that several exciting self-contained one evening courses are being planned for this fall and the committee encourages congregants to come and participate in Hand-Made Midrash and biblical psychodrama.

### **SISTERHOOD**

The Sisterhood new Judaica Shop "Tekiah" had a grand opening and sale including wine and hors d'oeuvres on October 15. This event was the result of the wonderful, wonderful input of the following people: Marilyn Friedman, for doing an incredible job as Gift Shop Chair, the Gift Shop Committee—Natalie Kramer, Toby Cohen, Beth Reiser, Marilyn Friedman, and Beth Sutton, Natalie Kramer's mother, Maxie Levy, for naming the shop, "Tekiah" (meaning gathering), Jennifer Williams, for creating a press release, Marilyn Friedman, for donating the glass and trim on the Gift Shop doors in memory of her father, Ed Schanzer, Sim Gelbert, for redesigning the Judaica Shop's gift certificates, Dale and Kay Houghtaling, whose endless assistance and cooperation have made another difficult task easier. Marilyn Friedman's mother, Ida Schanzer, for helping stock merchandise, Jacob Sutton, for his help in moving boxes

and stocking shelves, Evelyn Landsberg, for wiping "shmutz" for cabinets, and Carmina Shuman, for recruiting volunteers, and not to be left out, last but not least, anyone volunteering in the Gift Shop.

Thank you to: Beatrice Gullotta, for providing dessert for Selichot, Lil Wellisch and Beth Reiser, for helping Lorraine Silverman with the bookmarks, and the JCC for letting us use their laminating machine, Toby and Ron Cohen, Lil Wellisch, Natalie Kramer, and Carmina Shuman, for setting up the beautiful Rosh Hashanah Oneg, and the many Sisterhood members who baked, Liz Nigrosh for organizing the High Holidays, babysitting, and the sitters, including Raquel Reiser for doing such a great job, Beth Reiser and Laurie Reiz, for organizing the Break-the-Fast and Arlene Cotler and staff, for preparing a much-needed, perfect meal, Laurie and Rick Chess, for welcoming and inviting area college students to Break-the-Fast, Roz Freedman for coordinating the Bima flowers during the holidays, and Debbie and Ron Neimkin, Sara Goldstein, and the Rabinowitz for providing the beauty to our sanctuary, Rochelle Neuringer, for organizing and preparing desserts for the Sukkot Pot Luck Dinner, Arlene and Joseph Schandler for searching for a storage shed and having it "installed," Norma Feingold, for volunteering to be a Torah Fund Co-Chair, Beth Sutton, for accepting the role of Judaica Shop Assistant Chair, for painting the new shop, and for working in the office when Kay was out.

And last, but not least, to Lorraine Silverman, who never forgets any detail, from her thank yous to overseeing all Sisterhood projects with seemingly little effort and so much grace.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mazel Tov to Irene Wellisch. Eric's mother, on approaching her one hundredth birthday and to the Wellisch's, Eric and Lillian, who recently attended her wonderful birthday party, where she did the waltz with her son and the twist with her grandson, Dan.

### AN ARTISTIC MUSICAL LITE BRUNCH

Held Sunday, November 3, 1996

The Asheville Chapter of Hadassah, Beth Ha-Tephila and Beth Israel Sisterhoods, and the Asheville Art Museum, invited members to share this occasion, featuring the exhibit of JOSEF ALBERS: GLASS, COLOR, AND LIGHT - MODERN GLASS IN NORTH CAROLINA, WALTER O. EVANS - COLLECTION OF AFRICAN ART, and JON KUHN - EXHIBITION OF GLASS SCULPTURE (Jon Kuhn's parents, Arnold and Virginia Kuhn are members of Beth Israel Synagogue). This was held at Pack Place Arts and Education Center, downtown Asheville. Members and their guests enjoyed bagels, cream cheese and lox, coffee and jam, while listening to Klezmer music.

Pam Meyers, Director of the Art Museum, offered commentaries.

Hostesses were: Carol Cohen and Marilyn Schwartz, Co-Presidents, Asheville Chapter of Hadassah; Julie Lee and Shirley Rapoport, Co-Presidents, Beth Ha-Tephila Sisterhood; Lorraine Silverman, President, Beth Israel Sisterhood; Lillian Wellisch, Committee Affairs Chair, Beth Israel Sisterhood; and Maggie Rotman.

### B'NAI MITZVAH

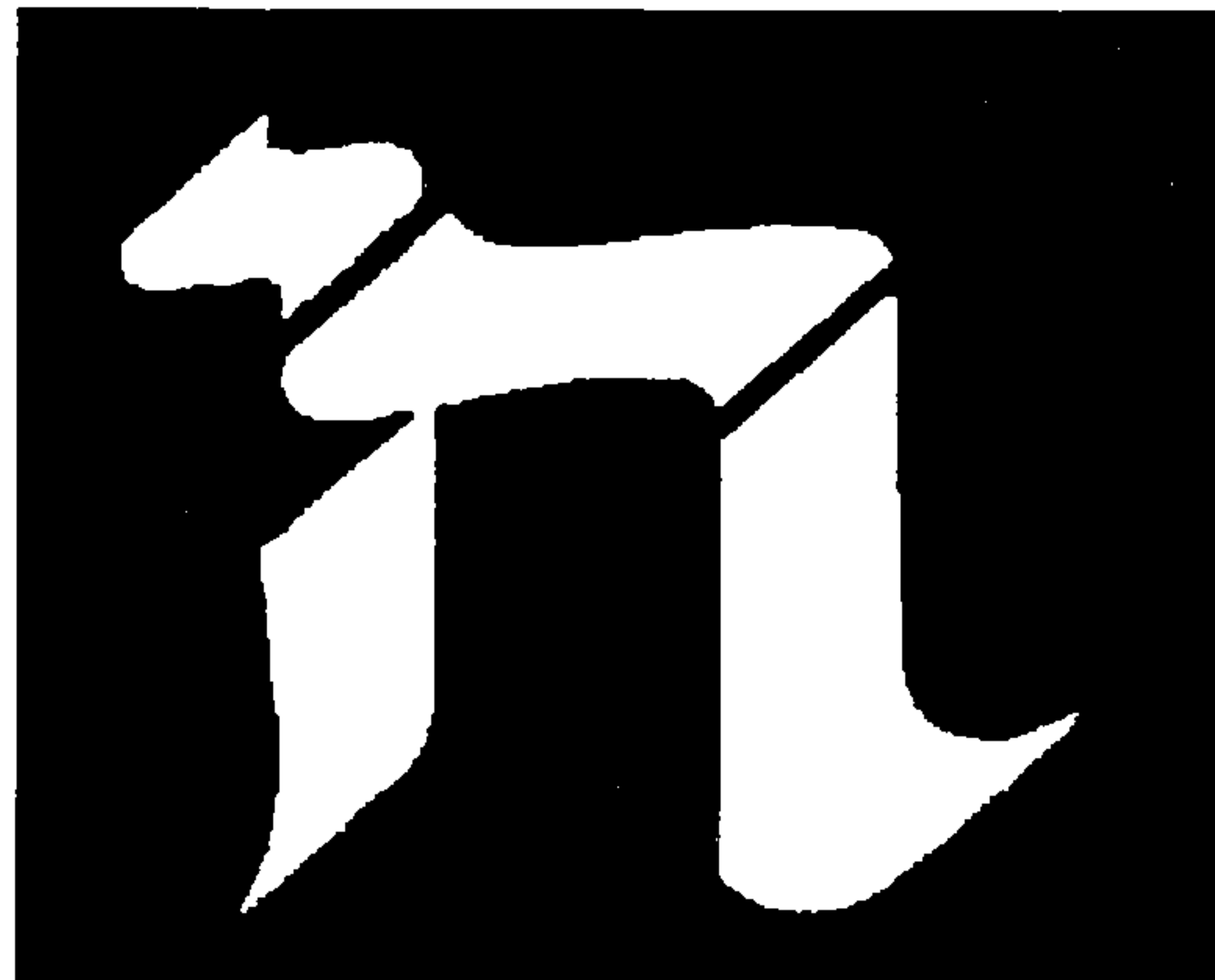
On October 11 and October 12, Jake Cotler, son of Arlene and Ed Cotler, became Bar Mitzvah with relatives and friends participation. A lovely Oneg, sponsored by Arlene and Ed Cotler (Jake's mom just happens to be a caterer, need we say more) was held after the Friday night service.

On October 18 and October 19, Amy Robin Joyce became Bat Mitzvah. Amy's mom, Marlene Breger-Joyce is the Director of the Asheville Jewish Community Center. The entire Jewish community and other friends were invited to share in this joyous occasion. Grandpa Breger was also an active participant.

### THE EIGHT O'CLOCK ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

The committee (Toby Cohen, Ron Manheimer, Sandy Slosman, and Eric Wellisch, chairperson) sponsored the MENORAH COLLECTION OF GARY KRAMER on October 25, who gave us the history of many of his collection, and Diana Lieb showed and talked about a family Menorah heirloom handed down to her. On November 22, the former mayor of Hendersonville, Don Michalove, and former mayor of Asheville, Ken Michalove, will be on the program for "In the Public Eye."

TBA: Hymns and Hayden - Judaica Adaptations by Classical Composers.



### Temple Beth El

Charlotte NC

by Susan Kramer

On Friday, November 1, 1996, there will be a Shabbat Dinner for the Kindergarten and First Grade, followed by Shabbat Family Services at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Eric Smith, Superintendent of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System spoke at the Education Shabbat on Friday, November 16, 1996 at 8:00 p.m.

LIBERTY, the Senior Youth Group, sponsored a car wash on Sunday, November 3 from 10 AM at Temple Beth El.

There will be a Senior Youth Meeting on Sunday, November 3 at 2:00 PM at the Temple.

Pathway to Jewish Learning continues on Tuesday mornings through November 19 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Temple. The topics are "Introduction to Jewish Mysticism" and "An Introduction to the Life and Philosophy of Maimonides."

Project Joseph—5757 Focus Groups held on November 13 at Temple. Please contact the office for times and to reserve your spot!

The Bereavement Support Group will meet at Temple Beth El for six concurrent weeks at 11:30 am on Thursday mornings, beginning October 10.

Lunch 'n Learn, a noontime Bible Study for busy professionals, will meet at 12:00 PM on November 11 at 5950 Fairview Road, Suite 400.

2nd Mondays will meet at Temple on



7:30 PM on November 11.

**The Points of View Club** will meet at 12:00 PM at Temple Beth El on November 12.

The **Service of Healing** will be held at Temple Beth El on November 13 at 5:30 PM.

**Rosh Chodesh** will meet at Temple Beth El at 7:30 PM on November 13.

**Tot Shabbat** will be celebrated at Temple Beth El on Saturday, November 16 at 9:15 AM

There will be a **Brotherhood Bagel Breakfast** on Sunday, November 17 at the Temple at 8:30 AM.

Attention Seniors! Join Rabbi Bennett on November 25 at 12:00 PM for the monthly **Senior Seminar**, a lunchtime educational forum. Bring your own lunch—the Temple will provide drinks.

Mazel Tov to the following on becoming a B'nai Mitzvah in November at Temple Beth El

November 1, 1996 J a s o n Meter, son of Esther and Mario Meter  
November 9, 1996 A d a m Segal, son of Nancy Yudell Segal and Larry Segal

November 16, 1996 C o u r t n e y Rocco, daughter of Sharon and Richard Rocco

November 23, 1996 J u s t i n Greenberg, son of Arnel and Mitchell Greenberg

November 30, 1996 A m y Eggenberger, daughter of Lisa and Jay Eggenberger

Best Wishes on the arrival of:

Tyler David Lewin, son of Jeff and Kim Lewin

Jason Robert Fox, son of Martin and Susan Fox

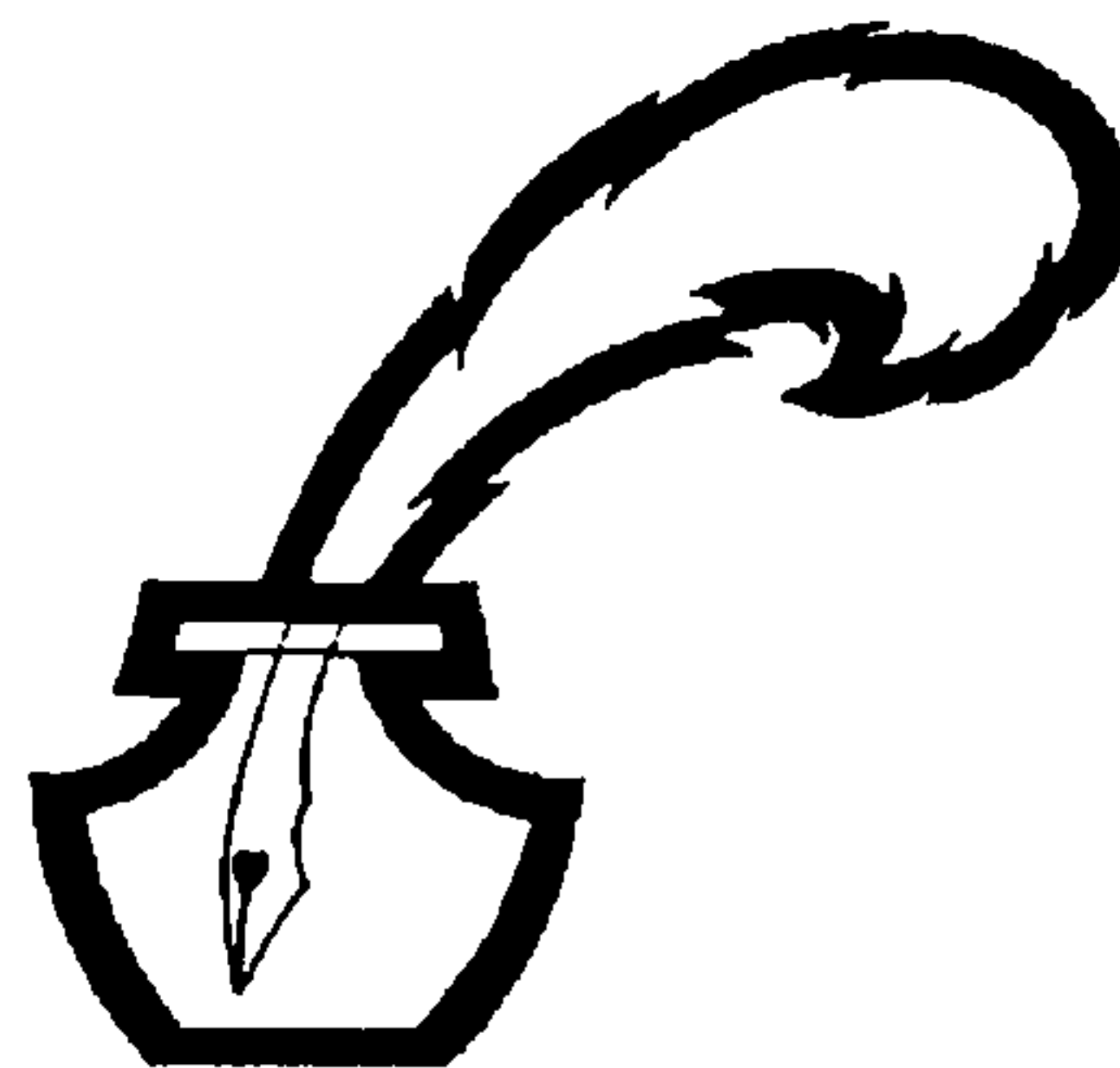
Remmington Elliott Frost, son of Wendi and Douglas Frost, grandson of Lewis Levine and Elvera Levine

Welcome to the following new members of Temple Beth El:

John and Gail Baron, Douglas and Bonnie Brout, Lee and Terry Dubin, Mike and Debbie Emory, Nachum and Mary Eshet, Martin and Susan Fox, Brian and Tammy Goldstein, Chris and Liz Hamilton, Jacob and Heather Havener, Paul and Lisa Heffler, Jeffrey and Suzan Horowitz, Stephen and Patrice Jampol, Philip and Pauline Kassier, Jay and Connee Lisnek, Kim Madrazo, Bradley and Karen Mitchell, Alan and Ellen Pollack, Dennis and Gina Robins, Austin and Roberta Rodgers, Donald and Nancy Rosenberg, Mark and Nancy Stanback, Michael and Elizabeth Weinberg.

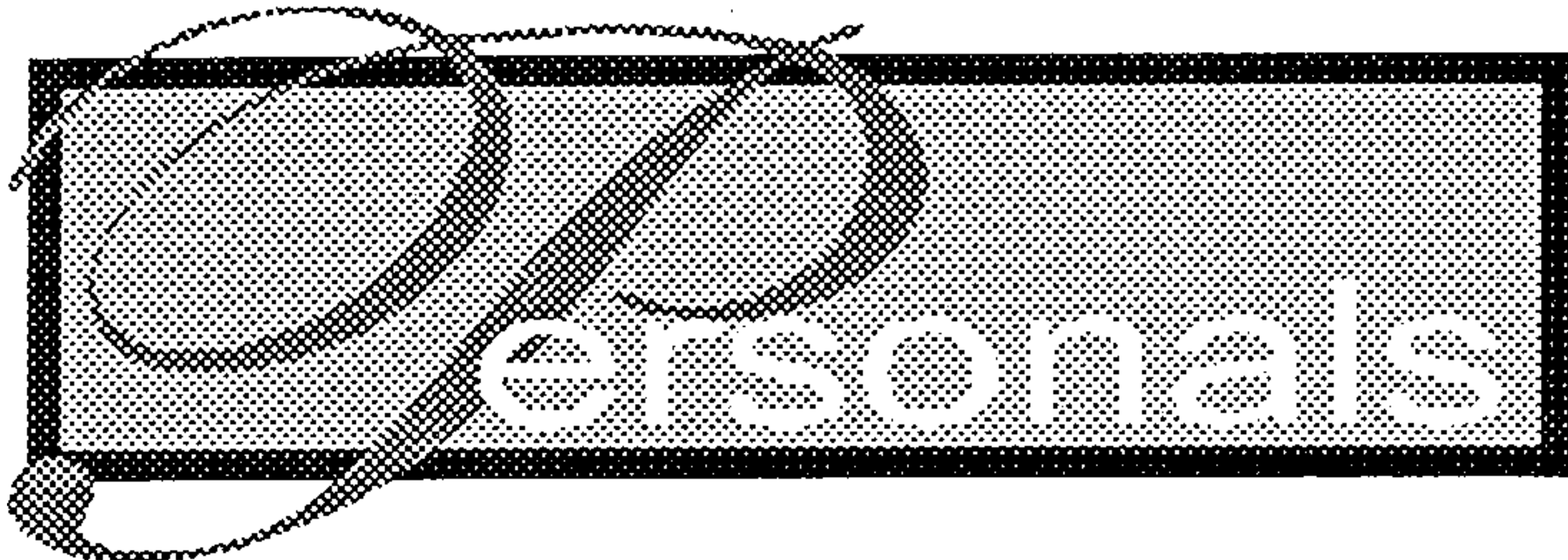
***Regularly scheduled meetings include:***

November 4, 1996  
Board of Directors 7:30 PM  
November 7, 1996  
Religious School Board 7:30 PM  
November 14 & 21  
Choir Practice 7:30 PM  
November 27  
Social Action Committee 7:30 PM



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The Hickory community has been saddened this fall with the deaths of two local residents. Harriet Sederholm died on August 23 after having lived here with her family for the past 30 years. Harriet, a native of Boston, Massachusetts, worked for the Catawba County Social Services for 26 years and in that capacity contributed tremendously to the needs of senior citizens in the county and throughout North Carolina. She was a retired supervisor from the Department of Social Services and was a Catawba County delegate to the Senior Tarheel Legislature. Harriet's dedication to Temple Beth Shalom included many and varied positions. Most recently, she served as Treasurer for the TBS Sisterhood. Survivors include spouse Burt; daughter Phyllis, Nancy and Karen and grandchildren Micah, Natalie, Sarah and Jason. A huge void will be felt in Hickory as we mourn the loss of Harriet Sederholm.

On September 5, Bill Klein died after a battle with illness. He and his spouse were fairly new arrivals to Hickory and Bill had recently founded our first ever Temple Beth Shalom Garden Club. Bill was a graduate of The Sorbonne in Paris, a longtime member of the Horticultural Society and a professor of language at City College in New York. In addition, he owned a business for over 30 years. Survivors include wife Gertrude, and daughters Deborah and Sharon.

Our sympathy to the Sederholm and Klein families. We will surely feel the loss of these two dedicated members

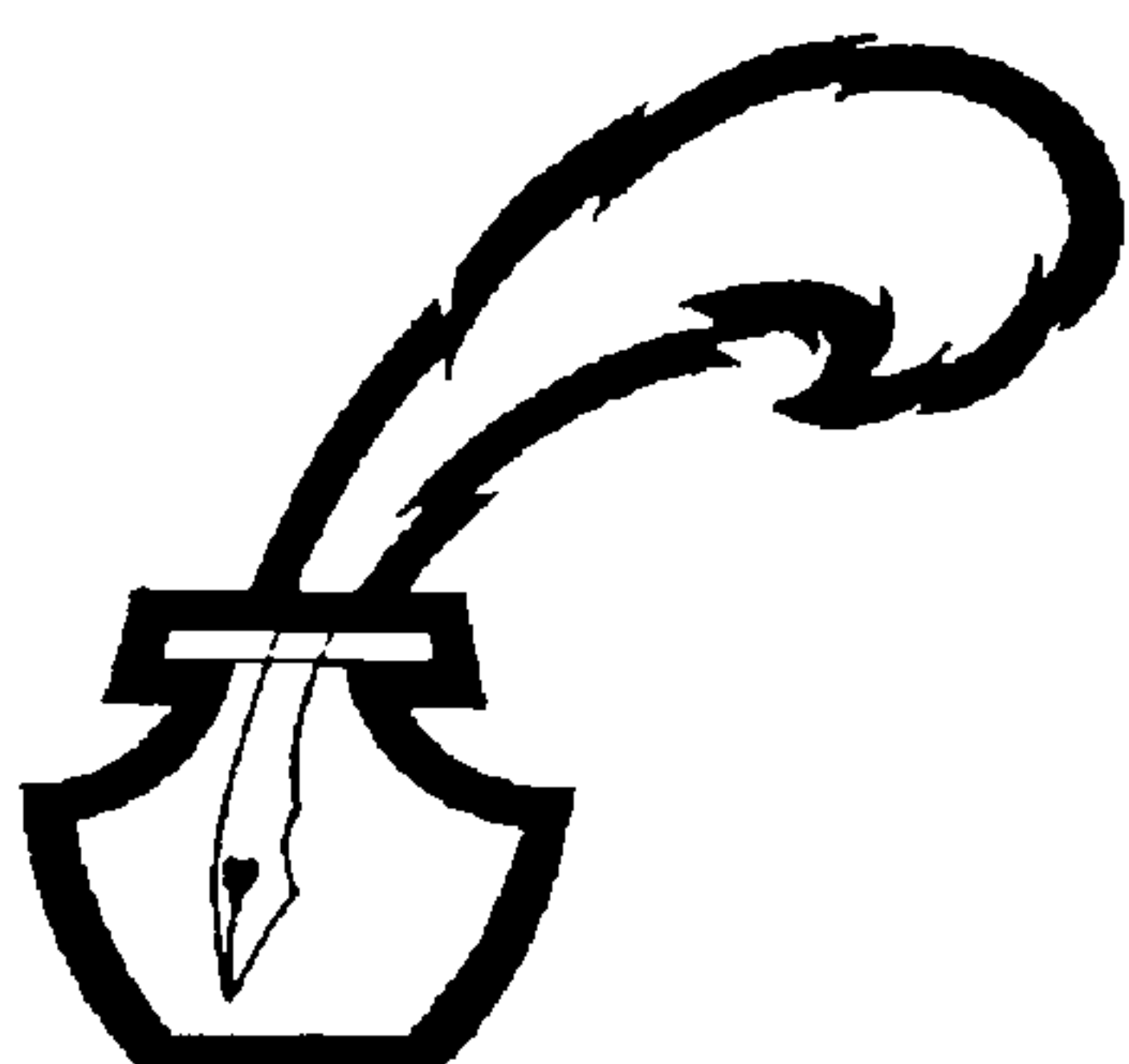
## Charlotte Jewish Historical Society

**Sam Eneman** has been elected the new chairman of the Charlotte Jewish Historical Society for 1996-97. Also elected were Gail Green, vice-chairman, and Howard Clein, recording secretary.

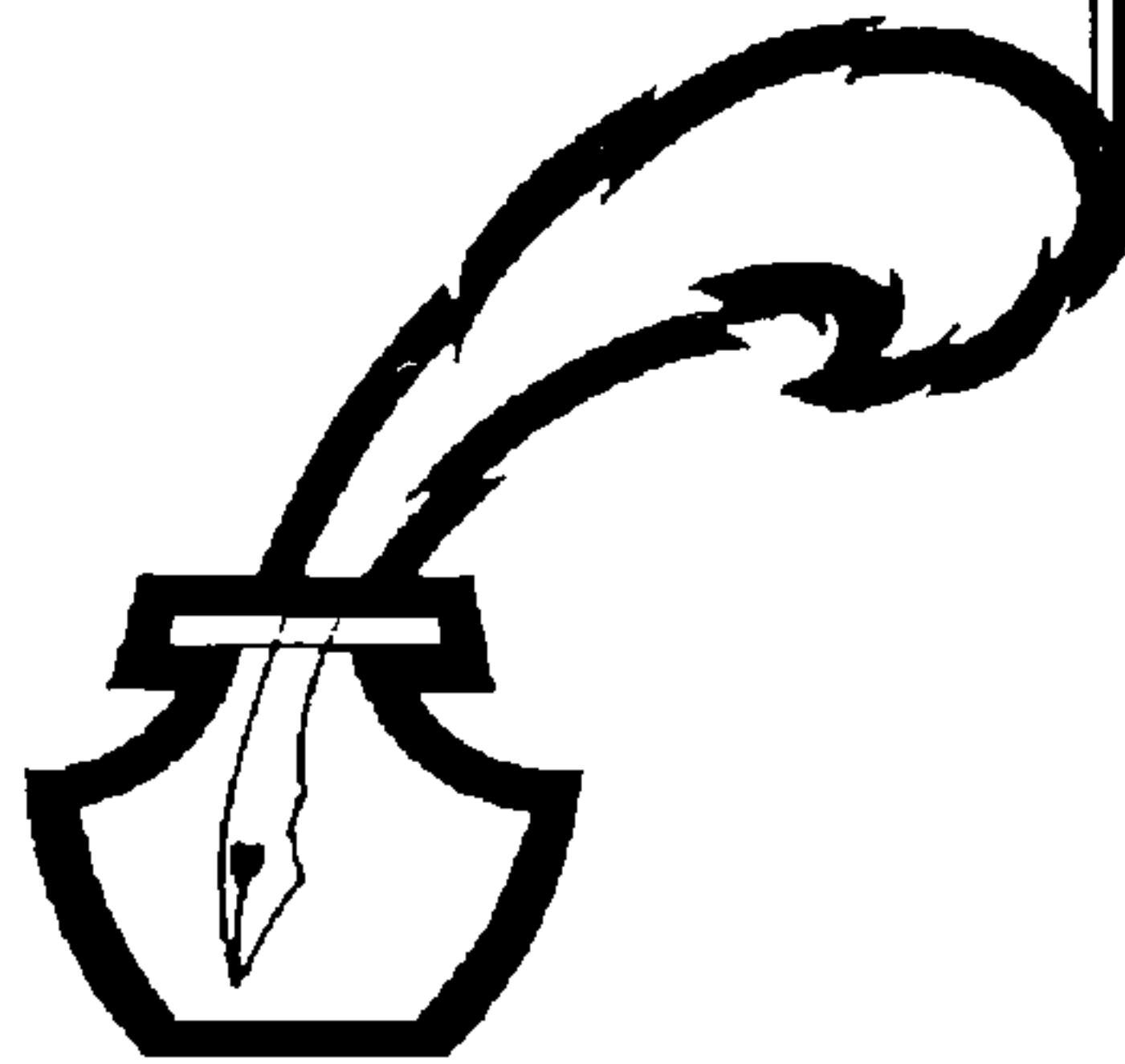
As chairman Eneman will lead the CJHS in its efforts to record, collect, document and preserve the history of Charlotte's Jewish community. Upcoming projects include the Society's 9th annual "Day for History" (recording video oral histories), the "Charlotte Jewish Experience" interactive multimedia kiosk, developing an oral history project for teens, establishing a Speaker's Bureau, and collecting information for the Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies Cemetery Recording Project database.

Eneman moved to Charlotte in 1988 and is one of the co-founders of the Society. He has produced a number of local history projects for the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, Museum of the New South, Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte and the CJHS. Eneman also produced "Celebrating 100 Years," Temple Israel's 100th Anniversary video. Since 1988 he has taught in the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies — "Family History Video" is his most popular class.

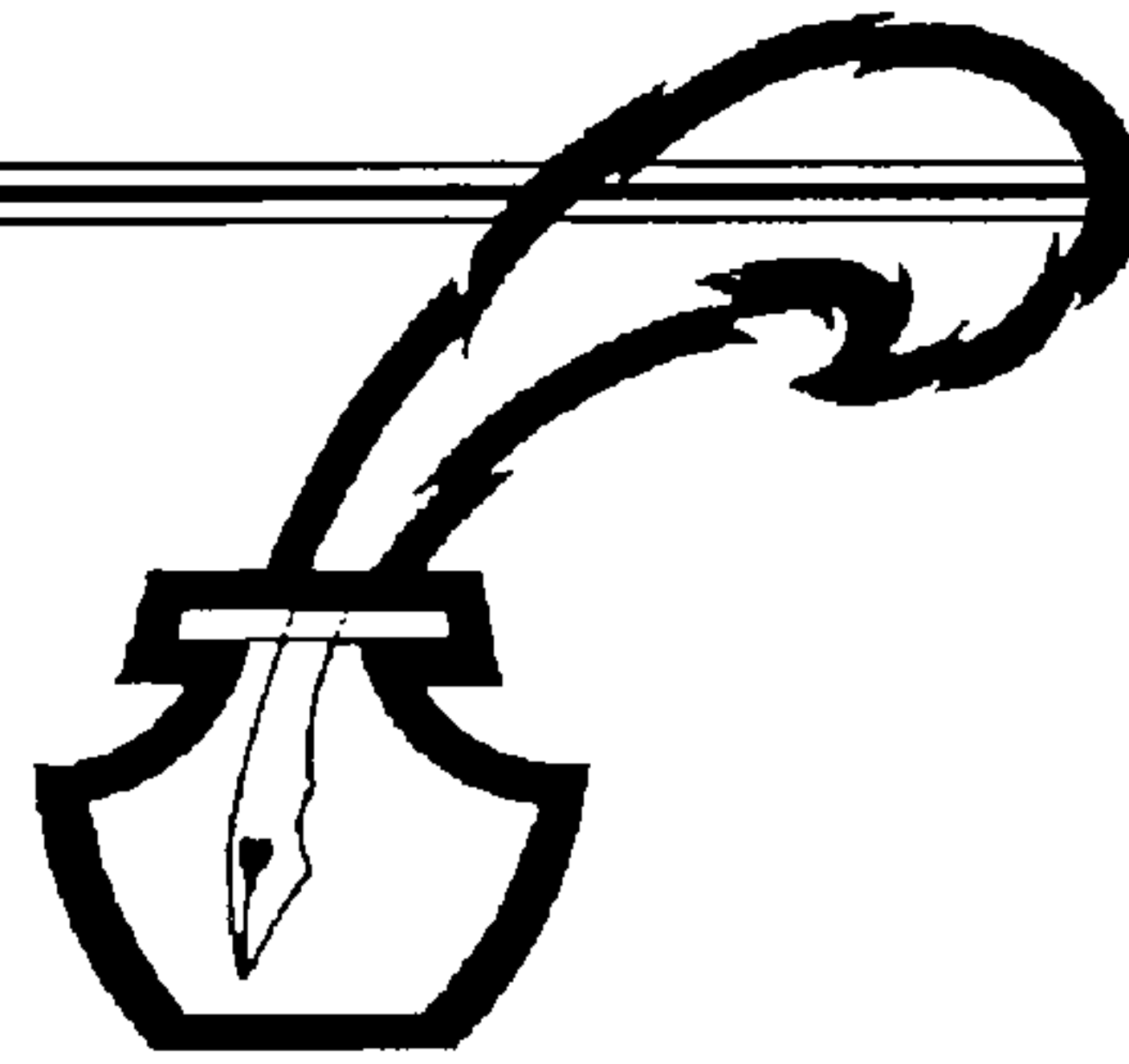
The Charlotte Jewish Historical Society was organized in 1988 and is a project of the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education. Membership is open to all with an interest in local Jewish history. For more information call CAJE at 366-5007, ext. 272 or Sam Eneman at 527-9331.



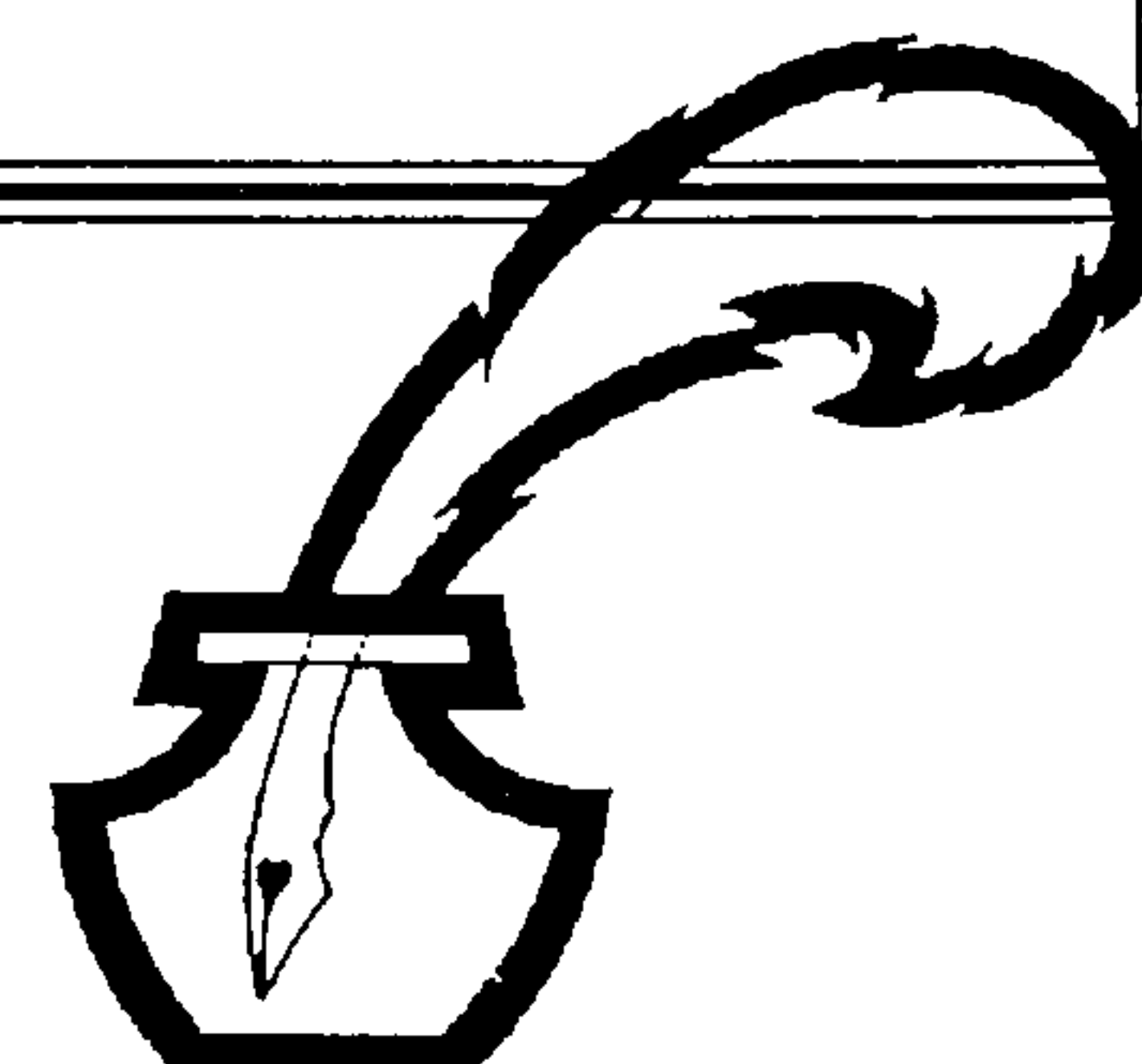
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"Locally, we had strong student and staff leadership," recalls Lee Marcus, chair of the North Carolina Hillel board of trustees, "but we needed to get the community involved." Marcus, Clinical Director of TEACCH (autism program) at UNC-CH, recruited faculty, alumni, and Jewish activists across the state to rebuild Hillel's board and finances. "The students who come to Hillel are not just the responsibility of the college community," Marcus emphasizes, "they are our Jewish future."

In the past four years North Carolina Hillel has rewritten its constitution and restructured its organization. In Raleigh, Greensboro, and Charlotte, Community Advisory Committees—consisting of local students, faculty, rabbis, and community members—have formed to support local campuses. Meanwhile, Duke has established an independent Hillel program.

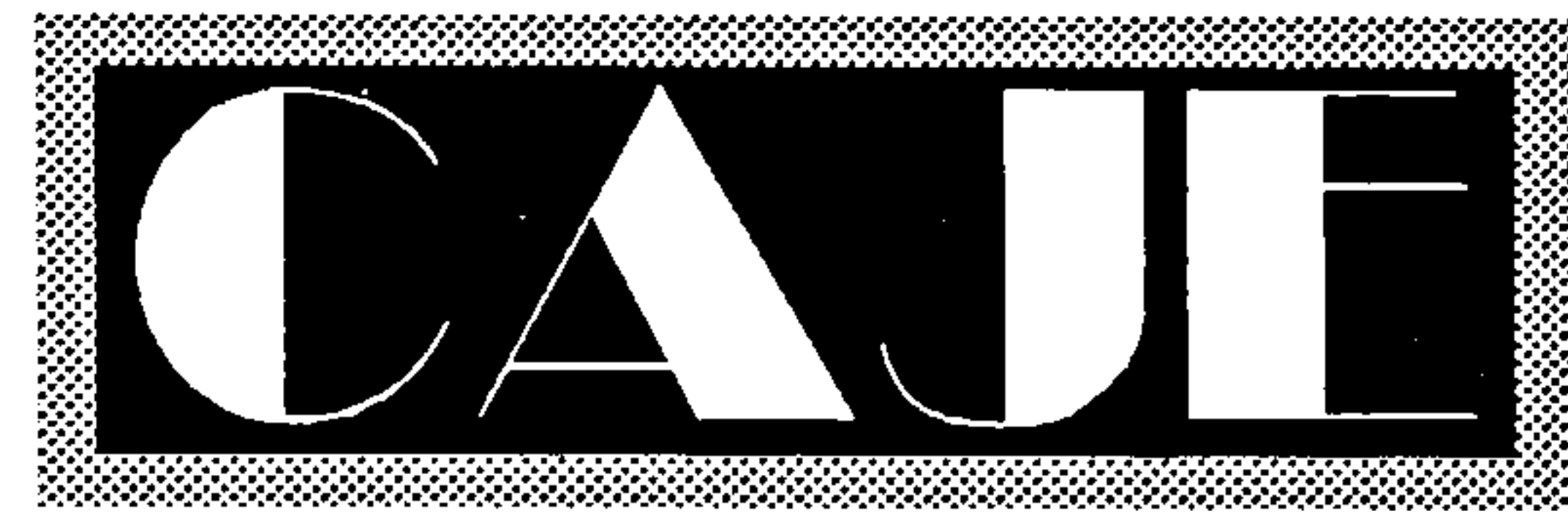
"N.C. Hillel was the first in the nation to achieve accreditation after receiving a deferral," explains Mirele Goldsmith, national Director of Accreditation. "The leadership saw the accreditation as a challenge and opportunity. It has been exciting to watch the community pull together."

Hillel now pursues a two-pronged strategy to empower students who are committed Jews and to engage

students who are not involved. At UNC-CH, Hillel members welcome to campus every freshman with personal visits and gift packs. The N.C. Hillel Board has hired Irma Moss in Greensboro and Ann Weingold Hess in Raleigh to serve as part-time outreach directors to serve regional campuses. Mike Scheinberg now directs student programming at Chapel Hill after a stint as a Jewish Community Service Corps fellow at Princeton.

The 1996 accreditation report praised North Carolina's "strong" student leadership and "diversity of programs," noting that "high" numbers participate. Progress since the 1992 site visit has been "impressive," but the accreditation team also observed areas that still need to be addressed. The building, dedicated in 1951, is excellently maintained, the report stated, but "outdated and unattractive." The financial situation is improving with contributions from the state's Jewish Federations, but the Foundation will not be on secure footing unless alumni, parents, and community members strengthen their commitment.

Rabbi Elkin does not intend to rest on Hillel's accreditation laurels. "We want to make this program even more dynamic," he explains, "and for that we need the support of the community."



Mr. Herman Blumenthal,  
Board President  
Carolina Agency for Jewish Education

Dear Mr. Blumenthal:

I am writing to express my appreciation for all the help that CAJE has been to me in the past year. I am a religious educator at Myers Park Baptist Church and numerous times throughout the year I have sought understanding, explanations and materials from Lenora Stein as I prepared to educate and lead chapel services for the elementary children of our church.

I believe that the foundation of all our faith understandings come out of the Hebrew tradition and I am always energized and excited to learn and share with Lenora and your agency. Every time I have called on her for help she has responded immediately with specific hands-on materials, books, posters and sincere interest in what I am doing. I have often shared by learnings with the other ministers on our staff as we prepared for our adult worship services.

Please know how much your agency has done for promoting understanding between our faith traditions and for the children of MPBC as they learn to cherish and respect the great Hebrew tradition.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Doar  
Director of Elementary Ministries,  
MPBC



## Organizations

**T**he Queen City Chapter of ORT hosted a most entertaining evening of dinner and Bingo at the Cedarwood Country Club in Charlotte on Wednesday, July 31, 1996. Sixty-two women attended this fund raising event. The dinner consisted of a salad bar and baked potatoes with various toppings. A variety of delicious desserts were homemade by ten members of the organization. While the evening was filled with much fun and many laughs, the most significant result of the affair was that it raised over \$400, all of which will be contributed to the ORT organization. The ORT Program aids in the education of children and adults in over eighty countries throughout the world. The focus of the Program is to teach vocational skills which will help the participants become self sufficient.

### Women's American ORT Announces 1997 Missions to Israel

Hi-tech laboratories. . .cutting-edge computer education. . .the engineers, fashion designers and technicians of tomorrow. . .Women's American ORT is going to Israel!

Women's American ORT will be conducting three missions to Israel, each leaving the United States in May, 1997. The mission—a Major Gifts Mission, a Membership Mission and a Young Leadership Mission (ages 45 and under)—have been scheduled to coincide with the Central Board Meeting of the World ORT Union in Tel Aviv.

More than 100 participants are expected on the three missions. Overall chair is Sandra Isenstein, a resident of Highland Park, Illinois, and immediate past National President of Women's American ORT. She is being assisted by a regional network of mission chairs and committees formed throughout the country.

The 1997 Women's American ORT Missions to Israel will

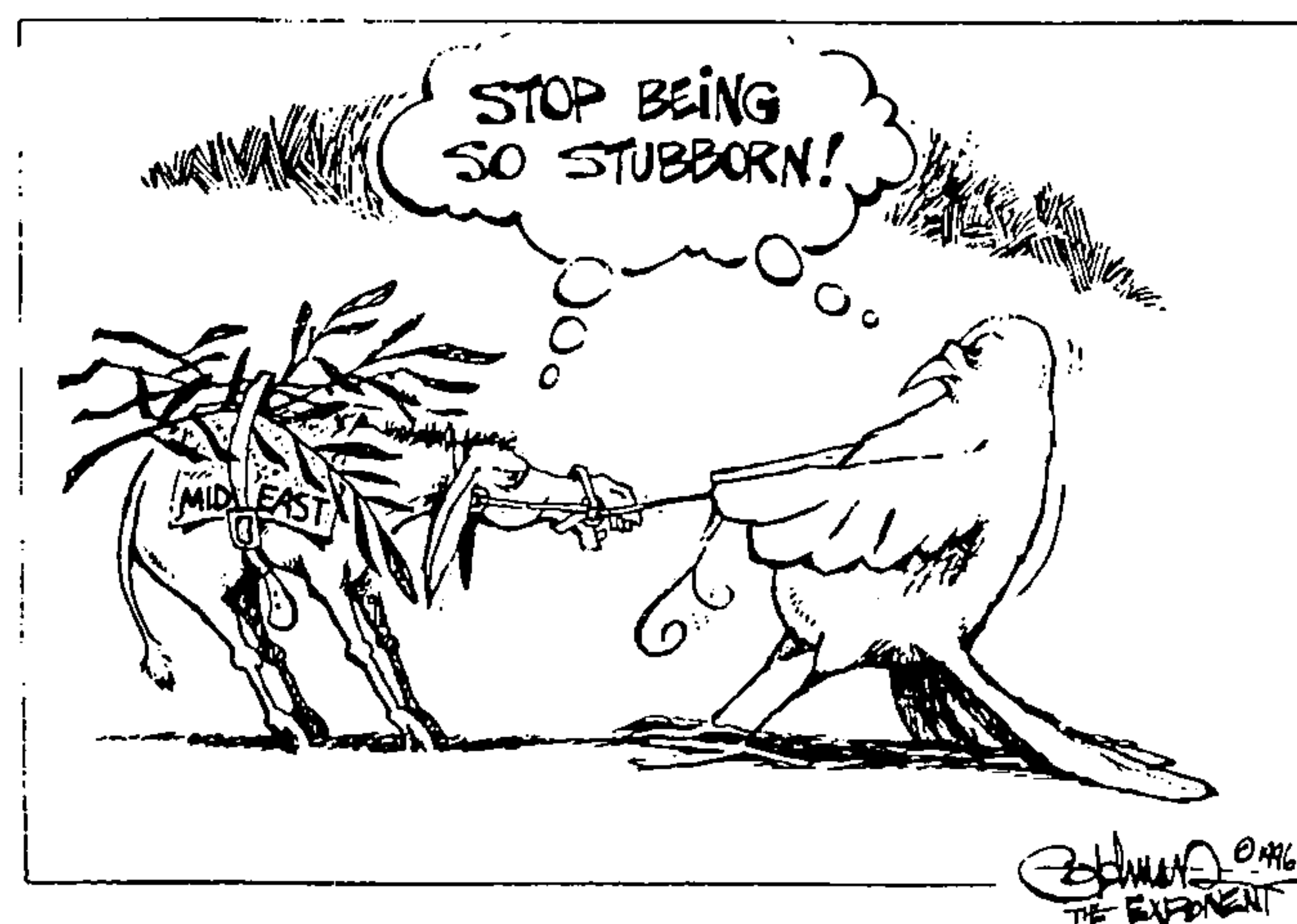
encompass visits to several ORT schools, seminars with some of Israel's leading political and cultural figures, the opportunity to attend the opening ceremonies and sessions of the World ORT Union's Central Board meeting, and ample time for touring and travel.

Women's American ORT, an organization of membership chapters across the United States, supports vocational and technical training for Jews around the world, particularly in Israel, the United States, South America, France, India, and now throughout the former Soviet Union. It is the largest affiliate organization of the World ORT Union and a major source of financial support to its central budget.

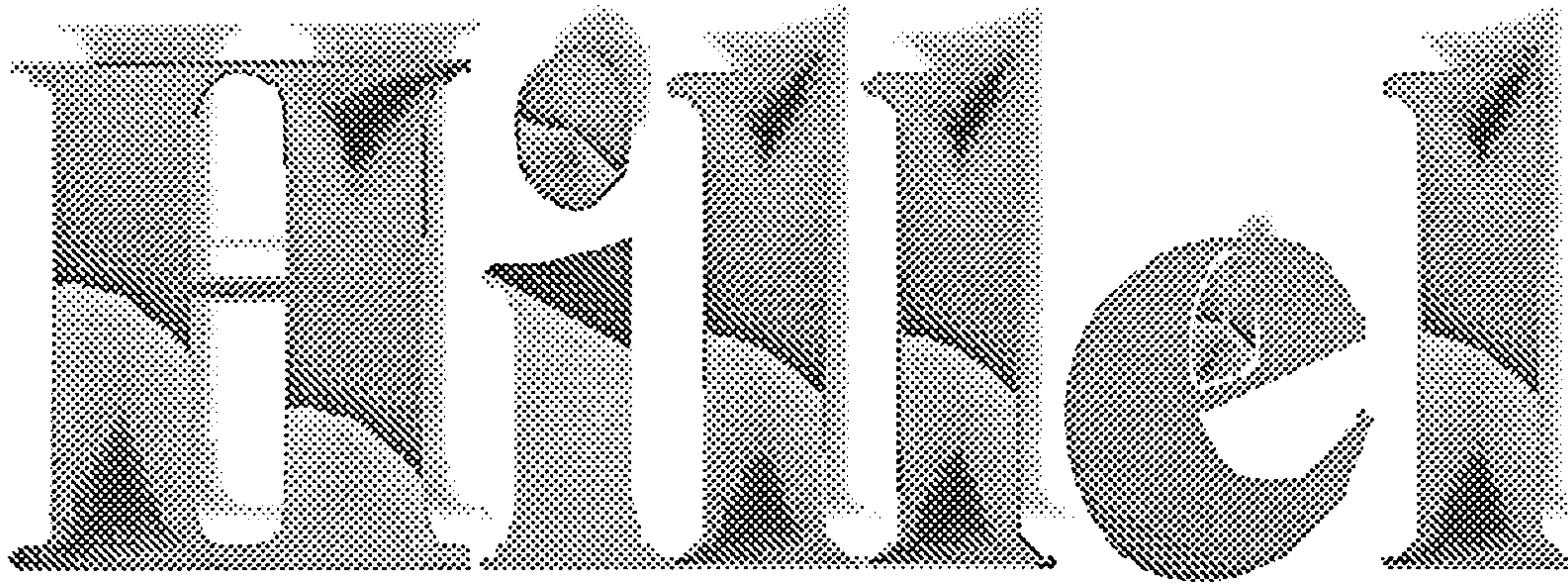
More than 252,000 students presently are enrolled in ORT's 800 schools and projects which include comprehensive and vocational high schools, colleges, apprenticeship programs and teacher-training institutes. The ORT program encompasses some 60 countries and is the largest non-governmental network of vocational education and technical training centers in the world.

In addition to its central mission, Women's American ORT works actively in the United States to improve public education, to promote literacy, to combat anti-Semitism and to support women's rights.

For further information, please contact the Missions Desk at the National Office of Women's American ORT, 315 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10010; tel. (212) 505-7700; fax (212) 674-3057; e-mail [WAORT@waort.org](mailto:WAORT@waort.org).







## North Carolina Hillel Foundation

### Accredited

by Leonard Rogoff



## Please Note

"Congratulations!" Rabbi Ed Elkin smiled broadly as he read the opening words of the letter, "the foundation for Jewish Campus Life has voted to grant accreditation to North Carolina Hillel."

For Rabbi Elkin, newly appointed N.C. Hillel director, the stamp of approval from Hillel's national governing body was welcome news. The accreditation certificate was no rubber stamp but marked the culmination of a rigorous, four-year process. Nearly a third of the campuses that have submitted to such a study have had accreditation deferred. North Carolina now ranks among the elite of only 21 campus Hillel nationwide to be so honored.

"It reflects the fact that the kind of programming that we do here at UNC is rich and diverse, deep and broad enough to meet tough national standards," Rabbi Elkin explains.

In 1992 when the Accreditation Committee first visited Chapel Hill, they recommended that accreditation be "delayed." The team praised North Carolina Hillel for its "excellent student leadership and impressive program," but described the organizational and financial foundations as shaky.

Hillel's Chapel Hill offices were stretched beyond their resources with responsibilities for campuses in Raleigh, Charlotte, Greenville, and Greensboro. The North Carolina director also had part-time duties at Duke where the Jewish student body was burgeoning. Finances were so uncertain that the director fretted over monthly payrolls. A board member suggested that Hillel should sell its building.

Nationally, Hillel itself was in transition. American-Jewish philanthropy, preoccupied with Israel and Soviet Jewry, had shortchanged the 400,000 Jewish students on the nation's campuses. B'nai B'rith, which had founded Hillel and generously supported it, no longer had the resources to be Hillel's sole financial bankroller. While Hillel struggled, national surveys indicated that the rising generation of Jewish youth was Jewishly illiterate and assimilating.

Under the sponsorship of the Council of Jewish Federations, The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life was established in 1993 to oversee Hillel.

*Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men News*

*1996 Annual Fundraiser*

*I would like to thank all who participated in the CAJWM Annual Fundraiser. It was a big success. We were able to donate a very generous check to the Blumenthal Jewish Home.*

*The lucky winners are:*

Flora Cohen — Greensboro, NC  
Michael Fox — Wallace, NC  
Stuart Kaplan — Greensboro, NC  
Leonard Madans — Lake Worth, Fla.  
John S. Singer — New York, NY

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*Arthur Frank, Chairman*



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# Update on Doxil From the Israel Cancer Research Fund

**T**he new drug Doxil, approved earlier this year for the treatment of Kaposi Sarcoma for AIDS patients, is showing promising results for other cancers including ovarian, prostate, breast and lung.

“We’ve had 20 to 25 percent response rates in advanced ovarian carcinoma patients that haven’t responded to other treatments,” says Dr. Linda Paradiso, Senior Director of Clinical Research for Sequus Pharmaceutical Inc. “We have also had good results in breast, prostate, lung, sarcoma and endometrial cancers.”

Unlike standard forms of chemotherapy, Doxil leaves healthy tissue unscathed and saves its powerful, cell-killing punch for cancer tissue. The preparation uses millions of microscopic fat bubbles called liposomes to carry adriamycin, the anti-cancer agent. The liposomes travel through the bloodstream to the cancer site, where they slip through the relatively “leaky” blood vessels of tumors and deliver their miniature payloads of adriamycin.

## **Ovarian Cancer**

According to Dr. Franco Muggia, Director of Medical Oncology at the University of Southern



California's Norris Cancer Center, the responses achieved with Doxil in patients with ovarian cancer have been quite striking because they have been sustained for periods exceeding two years in some instances and they have been achieved in patients who have responded to very aggressive combinations for shorter periods of time.

For example, one patient continues on Doxil given every five weeks, two-and-a-half years after she was started in order to control the disease that had recurred in her pelvis and her liver barely five months after a very toxic regimen. She chose Doxil over re-treatment with such regimen, and the toxicities of Doxil have not interfered with an active life that includes tennis games at least twice per week.

In the phase II study performed at USC and at the Sarah Cannon Cancer Center, several additional examples of durable responses maintained with minimal toxicity have been noted, Dr. Muggia added.

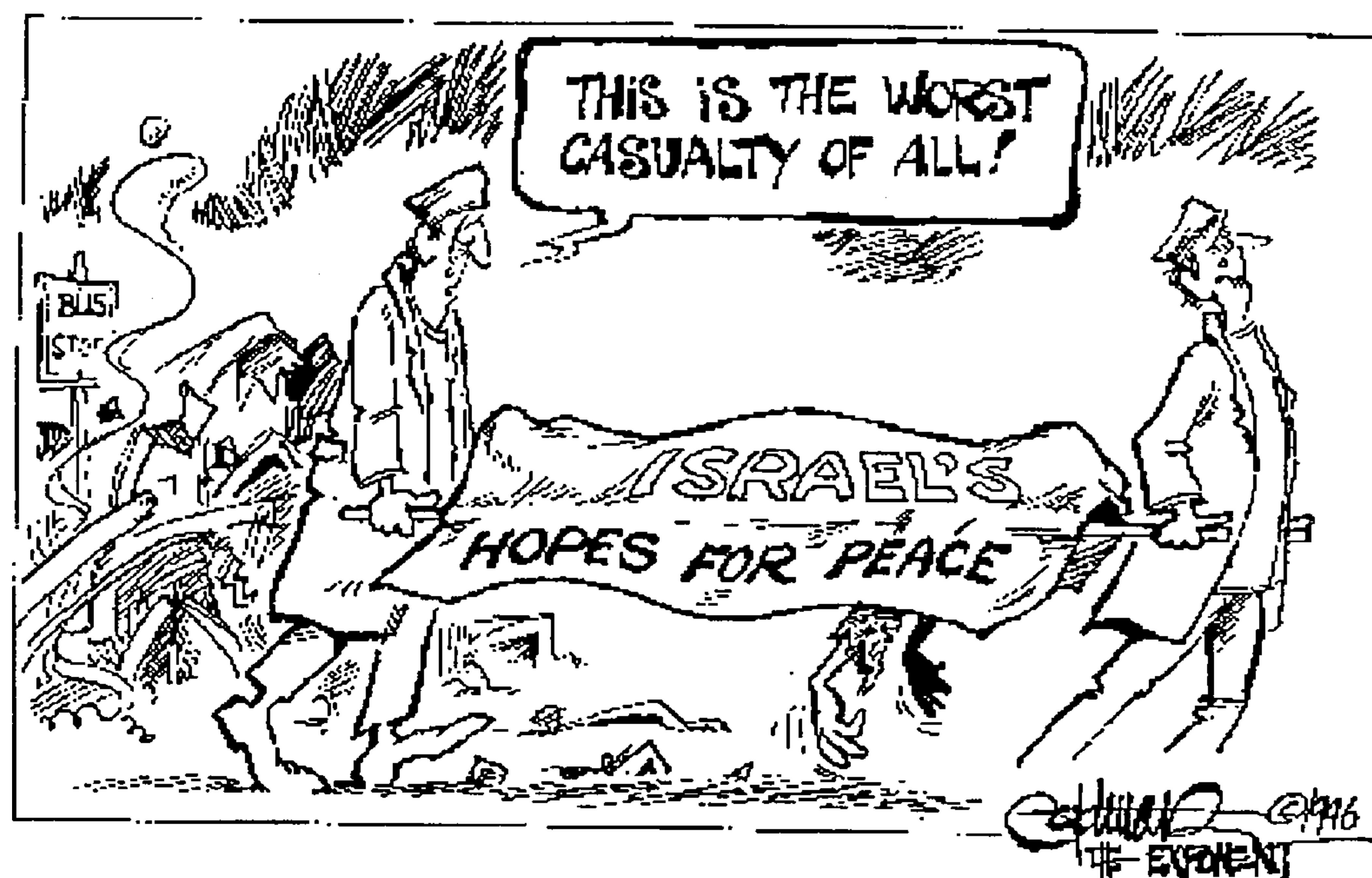
Dr. Muggia is a colleague of Dr. Alberto Gabizon who

leads the team that developed Doxil at the Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem where his work has been supported by the Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF).

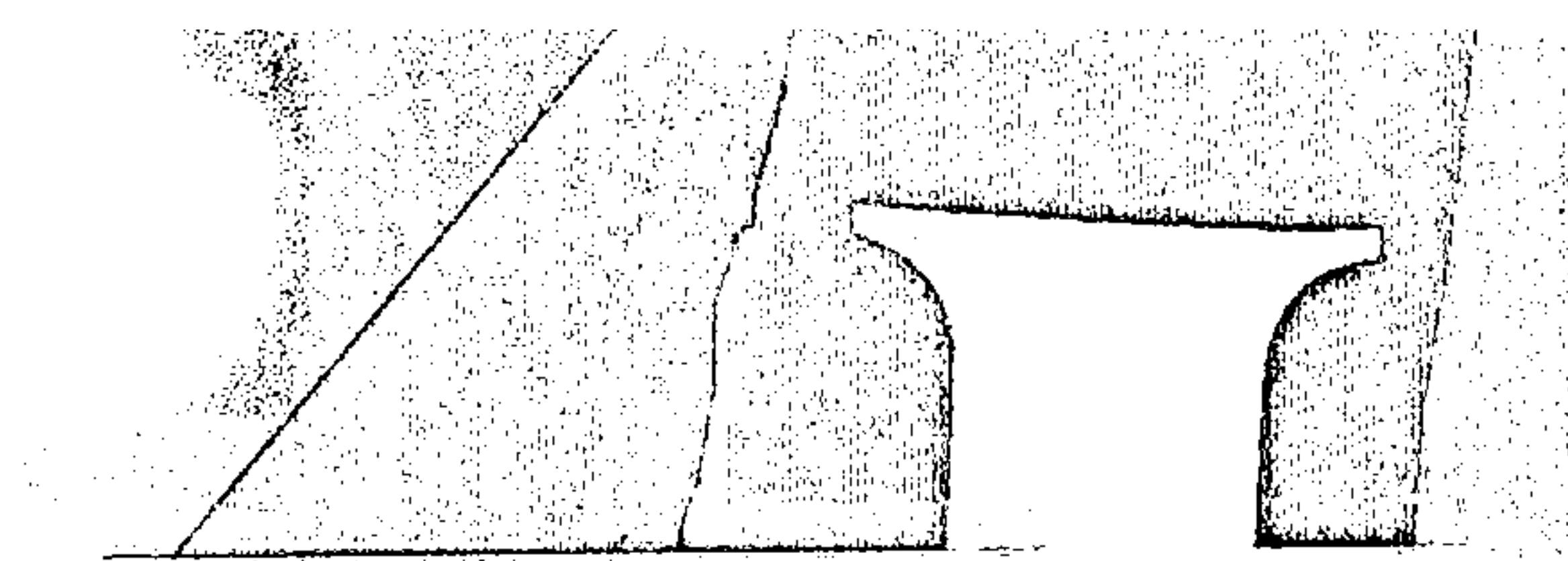
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The toxicity spectrum of Doxil, quite unlike other anti-cancer drugs, permits use in patients who have undergone bone marrow transplants, according to Dr. Muggia. When the disease recurs in these patients, few if any options exist in the form of chemotherapy. However, Doxil is being administered to two patients in this situation with very few side effects, and not requiring platelet transfusions which are often needed. This property is likely a result of much greater drug depositions into tumors than in normal tissues.

Founded in 1975, ICRF funds Israeli scientists, including resettling Russian emigres, at all of Israel's leading research institutions. ICRF-sponsored Israeli researchers have been at the forefront of many of this decade's most exciting developments in cancer research, including the discovery of p53, advances in bone marrow transplantation and the development of new drugs such as taxol and now, Doxil. ICRF has awarded nearly \$20 million in research grants since its inception, making it the largest single source of private funding for cancer research in Israel. Information about ICRF can be obtained by contacting the Israel Cancer Research Fund at 1290 Avenue of the Americans, New York, NY 10104/(212) 969-9800.





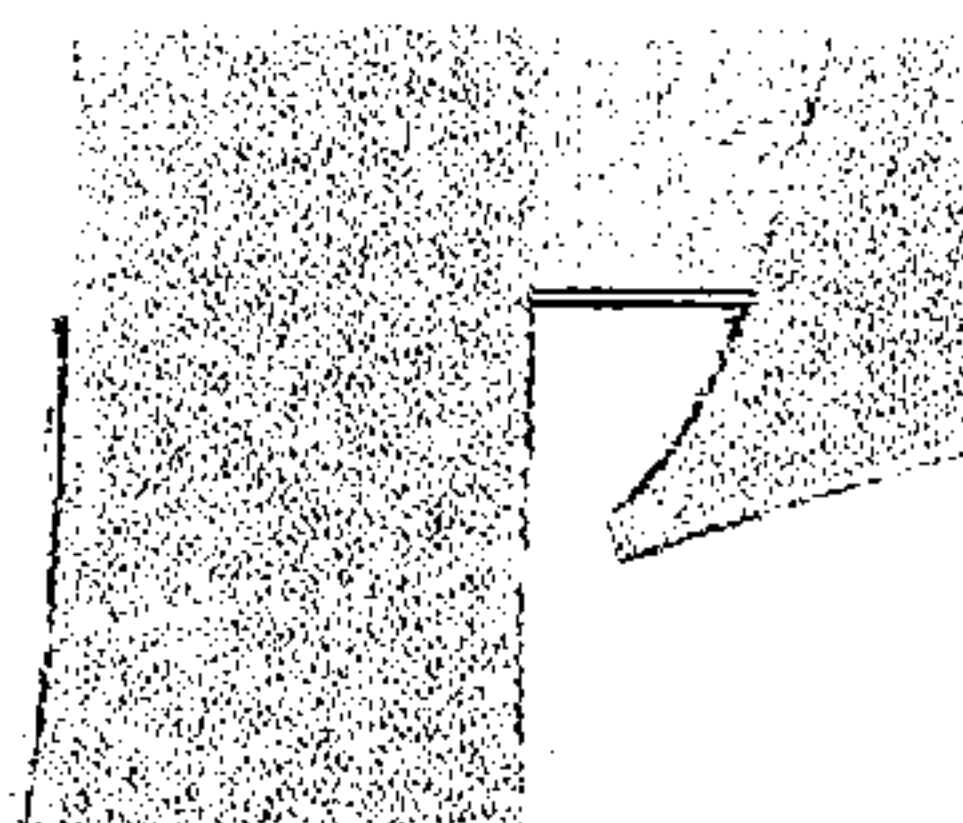


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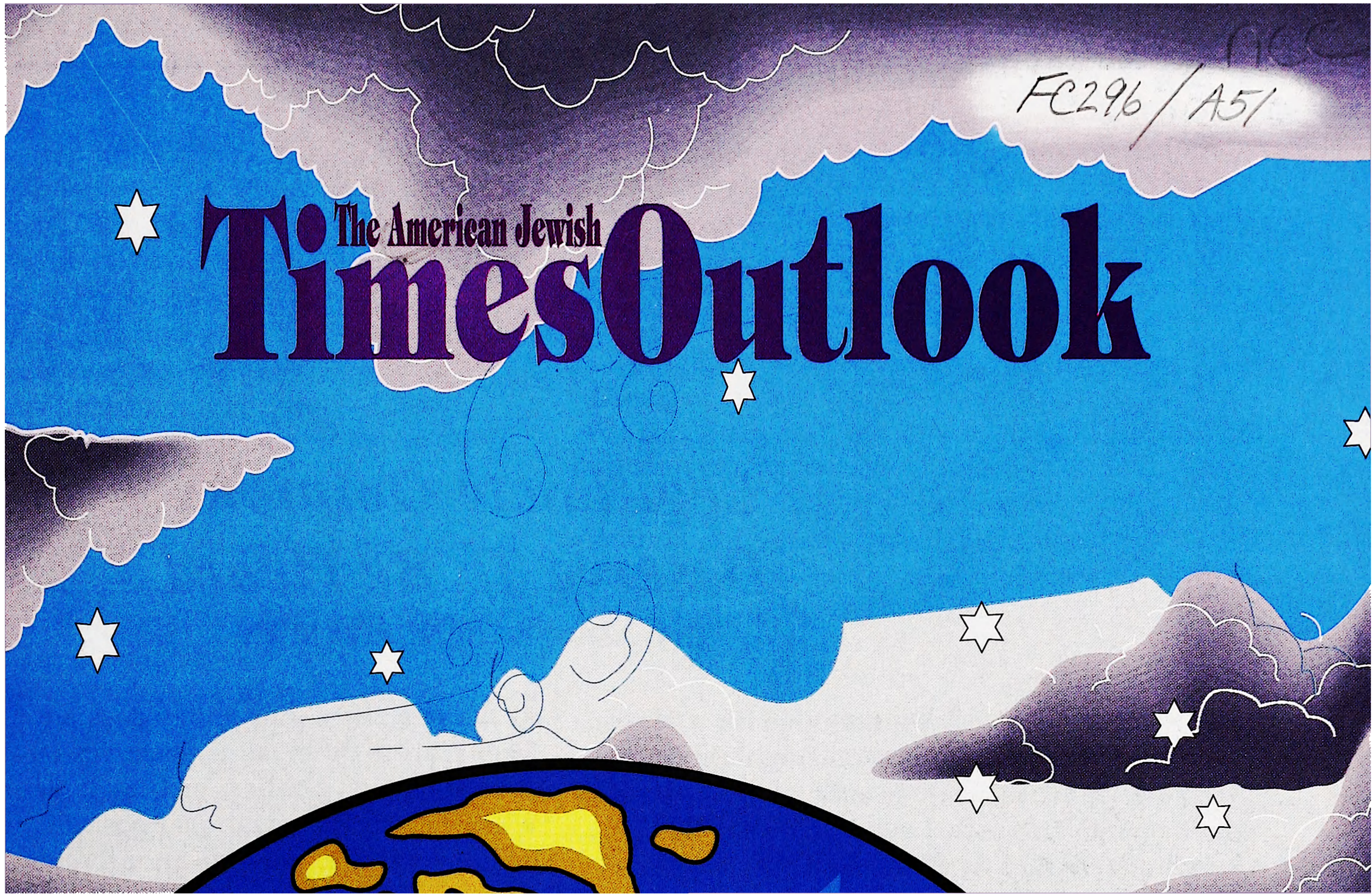
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# Editorial

## *Legitimate Opinions Deserve To Be Heard*

BY ABRAHAM H. FOXMAN

Imagine a world where we in the Jewish community would be prohibited from hearing diverse perspectives on issues of concern. A world where opinions on Israel and the Middle East, church-state issues or Black-Jewish relations, would require a "heksher" or stamp of approval by community leaders before they could be shared with Jewish audiences. Where only academics, journalists, or politicians deemed to be politically correct at that moment in time would be welcome to speak at Jewish community events.

That world may be closer than we think.

In recent weeks, the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) has mounted a campaign against the Anti-Defamation League for hosting Pulitzer Prize-winning *New York Times* columnist Thomas L. Friedman as a speaker at an agency event. ADL, the ZOA declares, is providing a platform to a "hostile critic" of Israel, a journalist who "defames" the Jewish state.

Let's put this misguided controversy into perspective. ADL has always supported the democratically elected government of the State of Israel, be it Likud or Labor. This consistent policy is based on our respect for the integrity of the Israeli political process. As an American Jewish organization, we believe it would be inappropriate for us to publicly question Israeli policy since we do not live in Israel, participate in its democratic process, nor are we the ones who must live with the effects of government policy.

At the same time, this policy does not preclude us from hearing different perspectives on the peace process, Israeli politics, or U.S.-Israel relations. Whatever our organizational position, we believe it is important to promote an informed discussion on these serious issues by providing the community with a spectrum of opinion. Indeed, by hearing from responsible experts on the left and on the right, religious and secular, members of the government and the opposition, the Jewish community becomes more educated, more interested and more involved in the issues of the day.

To that end, we invited Thomas Friedman, who we considered to be a responsible, knowledgeable and incisive commentator on Israel and the Middle East, to address an ADL event. While we do not always agree with his positions regarding the region, we believe his opinions are always expressed within the context of support for the State of Israel.

ADL takes a back seat to no one in fighting the enemies of the Jewish people and the State of Israel. We regularly go to bat against columnist and editorial writers who consistently demonstrate an anti-Israel bias through the questioning of Israel's right to exist, the justification of the use of terrorism or violence, and an unfailing reliance on a double standard when it comes to Israeli policy and history. We understand that there are some who may disagree with Mr. Friedman's opinions, but let's be realistic. Thomas Friedman is not an anti-Israel extremist.



In its opposition to Mr. Friedman, ZOA is not defending the American Jewish community from a malicious adversary, but trying to prevent us from hearing a legitimate opinion. To be sure, ZOA leadership and its supporters enjoy the right to decide what events they feel comfortable attending and what speakers they invite to their organizational platform. But how can they presume to determine policy for others in the Jewish community?

Have we come to a time where only one point of view is deemed acceptable for our whole community? Will a system of informal censorship govern Jewish community discussion? If ZOA has its way, can we look forward to the preparation of a list of "acceptable" speakers for community events, to be updated as political conditions change? And in the compilation of such a list, within the spectrum of responsible opinion on Israel, where do we draw the line between acceptable and unacceptable experts? Is former Prime Minister Shimon Peres now persona non grata for the American Jewish community because in his role as opposition leader he is critical of government policy? Should those organizations who provided a platform to Benjamin Netanyahu or other Likud leaders prior to May 1996 (including ADL) now be castigated? Are the

Israeli journalists who slam the government on the contentious opinion pages of Israeli newspapers each day now to be banned from U.S. speaking tours, or do these rules apply to American journalists only?

In calling on ADL to cancel its invitation to Thomas Friedman, the ZOA opinion police insult the good judgment and intellectual vitality of our community. We are vibrant enough to withstand a diversity of beliefs and opinions. More importantly, we are strong enough to stand together against those who truly represent a threat to the Jewish community and the State of Israel.

*Abraham H. Foxman is National Director of the Anti-Defamation League. This op-ed originally appeared in The Jewish Week on December 6, 1996.*

#### Correction

*Thank you to our readers for bringing our attention to an error in last month's issue. The article that appeared on page 16 "President Mandela" should have read First ORT-Step Graduation and should have appeared ORT throughout the article.*





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(WZPS) When Rahel Issachar, an Ethiopian mother of four who came to Israel in 1984 with Operation Moses, attended a bar mitzvah in Rehovot in 1994, she found herself seated next to Sara Aynor, widow of Israeli diplomat and former ambassador to Ethiopia Hanan Aynor.

"We started to talk," Aynor recalls. "She told me she had been a teacher in Ethiopia and was interested in social work. As I talked with her, I was extremely impressed with how positive and optimistic she was. I asked her why she didn't study social work and she replied — how can I? Where would I get the money? I have four children and I have to work to help support my family. No one awards scholarships to women my age who want to study. If I could get a scholarship, study half-time and work half-time, maybe I would be able to do it."

What Issachar did not know was that Sara Aynor had already established Keren Hanan Aynor, Israel's only scholarship fund for Ethiopian students, in memory of her late husband.

Sara's husband Hanan died in December 1993 at the age of 77, after more than 40 years of service to the State of Israel. Born in Frankfurt, he left Nazi Germany in 1935 for Eretz Israel. In the pre-state period, he was involved in buying boats for Aliya Bet, the illegal immigration of refugees to Eretz Israel, and served as official translator on the Exodus. In addition to having been ambassador to Ethiopia, he had served Israel in Brazil, Canada, Mexico, Senegal and the United Nations, as well as having twice headed the Foreign Ministry's Africa Desk.

Keren Hanan Aynor, a private fund founded in 1994 by family and friends, concentrated on awarding scholarships to outstanding Ethiopian immigrants studying for graduate degrees, but

Sara Aynor was not averse to broadening the criteria. In fact, following her conversation with Rahel Issachar, Aynor worked to expand the fund to include students over the age of 30 who do not fall under the jurisdiction of the Student Authority.

"Ethiopian students face terrible financial hurdles in paying for their studies," she says. "Without the fund our students would not be able to continue for advanced degrees."

Even though a JDC-Brookdale Institute study of Ethiopian students in Israel's colleges and universities found that 100% were receiving some kind of financial assistance, the study noted that 42% of students who dropped out cited financial problems. It also found that "resources invested in promoting the absorption of Ethiopian immigrant students into institutions of higher education have brought about considerable achievements." So much so that in 1995/96 academic year there were 891 Ethiopian students enrolled in institutions of higher education in Israel. That figure has increased to more than 1,000 for the 1996/97 academic year.

"Our intention in setting up Keren Hanan Aynor," says Aynor, "is to create an Ethiopian elite which will push the community forward," says Aynor. "For this

reason scholarships are awarded only to outstanding Ethiopian students who have been involved in and will continue to serve in the community. We want our students not only to receive, but also to give something back to the community," she says.

In October 1996, Keren Hanan Aynor, which for the second year in a row has received funding from the Administrator General of the State of Israel through the Ministry of Absorption, held its third annual scholarship ceremony in Jerusalem. Scholarships were awarded for the 1996/97



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academic year to 11 outstanding Ethiopian graduate students from all over Israel and, for the first time, to ten over-30 parents studying for the bachelor's degree. Rahel Issachar was one of the recipients.

Now in her second year of social work studies at Tel Aviv University, Issachar is realizing her once impossible dream. "Even after I heard about the scholarship and was accepted, I still didn't connect it with Sara Aynor. Only at the ceremony, when I saw her, did I put it all together. Yes, the money is important and it has helped me tremendously. But it's more than that. Sara is wonderful. She encourages and motivates me."

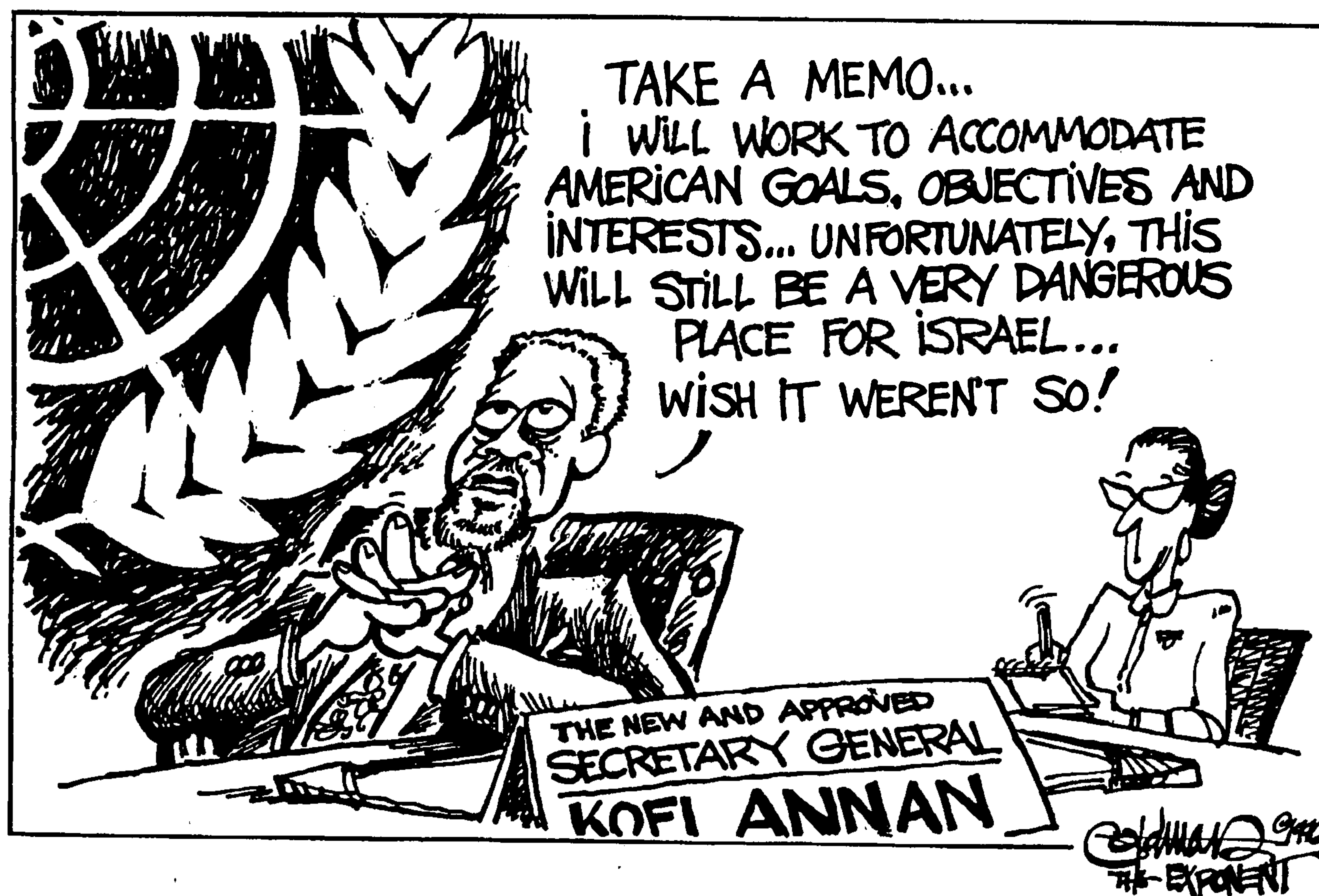
Bat-Sheva Minewab, a single mother of two, is enrolled in her second year of social work studies at Ben Gurion University. Minewab, who arrived in Israel in 1982, completed only eight years of schooling in Ethiopia. After her divorce, she worked days in a factory job, while studying nights to complete her high school education.

"Something inside me pushed me to study," Minewab explains. "I loved school in Ethiopia but I had to stop going because it was far away and it wasn't safe to go so far from home. After my divorce, I decided to go back to school. I paid my own way and after that I went to a special pre-academic program for Ethiopians. When I finished

this program, I heard about Keren Aynor. It is not easy studying, between working and taking care of the children. But I feel I am not alone. There is someone who cares. Words cannot describe my feelings towards Sara Aynor. She helps and encourages me. She gives me the strength to go on."

"There was great respect in the Ethiopian community for Hanan Aynor," says Addisu Messele, Israel's only Ethiopian Member of Knesset. "In the early 70s, Israel did not recognize us as Jews and we could not get visas for aliya. Hanan was involved in public activities on behalf of Ethiopian Jewry and in pressuring for our recognition and aliya. He was so proud during Operation Solomon when more than 14,000 Ethiopian Jews were rescued and brought to Israel.

"The Ethiopian community has a big problem with respect to higher education," Messele continues. "The motivation and ability is there but the money isn't. Keren Hanan Aynor is an important beginning. The Ethiopian community has great potential for higher education but cannot realize this without financial help. It is a national priority. I congratulate Sara Aynor on her efforts on behalf of the Ethiopian community and in perpetuating the memory of her late husband."





# Jewish Settlements: What Would Martin Luther King Have Said?

BY MORTON A. KLEIN  
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did. Nor were there any Jewish settlements there. Yet there was no peace then, either. The Arab states waged war against Israel in 1948, 1956 and 1967, and sponsored hundreds of terrorist attacks in addition. Their openly declared goal was the annihilation of Israel. When the Arabs established the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in 1964 (before there were “occupied territories” or “Jewish settlements”), the “Palestine” that they were trying to “liberate” was Israel itself, including Tel Aviv, Haifa, and the rest of Israel proper.

It was the Jordanian invasion of Israel in 1967 that resulted in Israel capturing those territories and administering them. There were no “settlements” in those days, yet King Hussein ordered his troops to “Kill the Jews wherever you find them, kill them with your hands, your nails, your teeth.” After the war, the Israeli government (a Labor Party government) permitted the Arab residents in the territories to expand their settlements, and allowed Jews to live in the territories as well.

From a legal standpoint, the Judea-Samaria region is, at the very least, disputed territory, not Arab territory. It was never legally part of Jordan. The Jewish claim, which is deeply rooted in history, religion, and law is stronger than that of the Arabs. The very word “Jew” is derived from “Judea,” because the land of Judea was the national Jewish homeland for so many centuries. Judaism’s sacred sites, which are thousands of years old, are nearly all located in those territories, including the Temple Mount and Western Wall in eastern Jerusalem, the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron, the Tomb of Rachel in Bethlehem, the Tomb of Joseph in Nablus (biblical Shechem). From the standpoint of international law, the League of Nations (precursor of the U.N.) affirmed the Jewish right

to Judea-Samaria back in 1922, and it was continued (in 1945) until Article 80 of the United Nations Charter.

The final disposition of these territories remains to be determined. Some critics of the settlements argue that the building or expansion of Jewish communities in the territories unfairly prejudices the outcome of their final disposition. But why is Jewish construction in the territories any more prejudicial to the areas’ final status than Arab construction? The Israeli Prime Minister’s Director of Policy Planning and Communications, David Bar-Illan, told the Jerusalem Post (Nov. 21, 1996) that the Arabs in the territories “have more than 10 times the number of buildings under construction at the moment than those approved for the [Jewish] settlers.” Why is there a double standard, in which the issue of new Jewish housing is constantly raised and condemned, while the issue of new Arab housing is never raised and never condemned?

In addition, there are uninhabited clusters of Arab housing in some parts of the territories that were created as “sumud [Arabic for steadfastness] neighborhoods.” They were established with PLO and Jordanian funds for the purpose of strengthening the Arab hold on the territories, even though they presently have no utilities or inhabitants.

Settlements do not obstruct peace. The only thing they obstruct is the Arab effort to promote ethnic segregation in Judea and Samaria; indeed, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has described the Arab goal as “apartheid.” The real obstacles to peace are continued Arab terrorism, Arafat’s calls for jihad (Islamic holy war) and his praising of terrorists as “heroes,” and the PLO’s refusal to disarm or extradite terrorists. Racism, terrorism, and calls for war are not the way to peace.



# Turning Swords Into Ploughshares

*Former army officer Kobi Yekutieli, an ambitious 24-year-old graduate of the Jerusalem Business Development Center's 'Swords into Ploughshares' program, arranges flowers in one of his two flower shops WZPS photo by Sammy Avnisan.*



by **Lisa Samin**

**Over 600** soldiers a year return to Jerusalem after completing their army service in order to begin their adult lives. However, many budding young entrepreneurs fail in their attempts to start their own businesses for lack of proper guidance.



In 1996, the Jerusalem Business Development Center, which was established in 1991 to help new immigrants open small businesses, piloted a new program, "Swords into Ploughshares," to provide many of Jerusalem's newly discharged soldiers with the basics for starting their own business.

The program already has close to 500 graduates in its 14 six-month-long courses, with approximately 35 discharged soldiers in each. The courses are run in conjunction with the College for Business Management and classes are held in the evening so as not to disrupt the participants' work schedules.

"It is difficult to study in the evening after a full day's work," admits Karen Salanski, 21, who works at a Jerusalem advertising agency and eventually want to open her own agency. "But it's helping me to formulate my own opinions about opening a business and to begin turning my dreams into reality."

Course studies include entrepreneurship, the business environment, the process of building a business, business law, management, operation, marketing strategy, taxes and preparing a business plan. In fact, one of the major advantages of the course, according to participants, is the preparation of a business plan. Only after presenting a feasible plan can a new entrepreneur approach public institutions for a business loan. For according to Uri Sharf, Chief Executive Officer of the Center, and himself a successful businessman, "Over 90% of business failures are due to mismanagement and faulty planning."

Sponsored by three major partners: the Department for Rural and Urban Development of

the Jewish Agency, the Gruss Foundation and the New York Jewish Federation, the program also offers a small business loan of up to \$75,000. This has proved a blessing for the soldiers because although they are entitled to a stipend from the government for starting a small business, the money does not even cover the cost of the courses.

The Center also provides professional mentors, people successful in the local business community, who help the young entrepreneurs overcome many of the hurdles of starting a new business. Seventy five percent of the mentor's fee is paid for by the Center during the first year and the remaining twenty five percent by the entrepreneur. The Center's contribution decreases each year as the business becomes more viable.

Kobi Yekutieli, an ambitious 24-year-old from Jerusalem's Bet Hakerem neighborhood, received a \$50,000 loan from the Center to open a flower shop and buy a van for deliveries.

"I saw other guys in business and I knew that I could do just as well," says Yekutieli. "The Center helped me get on my feet and understand the little things that can make or break a business."

Today, Yekutieli's wife manages the original flower shop, while Kobi is running their new shop at the Hadassah Ein Kerem Hospital. "My wife's sister was recently discharged from the army," says Yekutieli. "She's a cosmetician and wants to do the course. When she completes it, we'll help her start her own business."

Eti Shalem, project interviewer and coordinator, says that most people come with an idea for a business, while others have a family business they



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# BOOKS

## **Jewish Power: Inside the American Jewish Establishment**

by J. J. Goldberg

Addison-Wesley 421 pp. \$25.00

Each election season, U.S. Presidential candidates spend millions of dollars trying to woo the Jewish vote. In fact, since 1972, nearly every major presidential campaign has set up a separate Jewish organization, with its own staff and budget, to stomp around Jewish Americans and appeal for their votes. Presidents and prime ministers from dozens of nations regularly pay visits to the New York headquarters of key Jewish agencies such as the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League. At least two dozen foreign embassies in Washington have diplomats assigned part-time to an informal "Jewish desk" to maintain ties with the Jewish lobby. Why all this effort and attention for a statistically meaningless 2.5% of the American population?

In *Jewish Power: Inside the American Jewish Establishment* journalist J.J. Goldberg addresses this question along with a host of other intriguing, often controversial, issues surrounding the American Jewish community. Goldberg offers a frank insider's look at the workings of Jewish power politics in contemporary America and examines:

Sources of Jewish clout, including fund-raising and media influence

The structure and internal politics of the organized Jewish community

The major Jewish organizations and the issues that drive their agenda

The complicated relations between the Jewish community leadership and the masses of American Jews

*Jewish Power* uncovers a powerful Jewish political machine—created in just the past quarter-century—one far more powerful than many Jews realize, though not half so powerful as their opponents fantasize. In describing this community, Goldberg shatters many of the myths that surround Jewish political activity, such as: Jewish clout in America results from significantly greater wealth among Jewish Americans than non-Jewish Americans (median Jewish income is actually not much higher than the nation at large); many American Jews are drifting away from Judaism and/or turning to the political right (American Jews remain persistently liberal, and persistently Jewish); and the mass media is a stronghold of Jewish influence (Jewish Americans commonly view the media as a primary source of anti-Jewish hostility).

J.J. Goldberg is a contributing editor of the Israeli news magazine *Jerusalem Report* and has written for the *New York Times* and *The New*

*Republic*. He won the Corporation for Public Broadcasting award for his history of Jewish music. He lives in New York City.

## **Family Secrets**

by Sherry Glaser

Simon & Schuster 187 pp. \$11.00  
paperback

Reviewed by Pearl Rohde

*Family Secrets* is a series of monologues based on three generations of a Jewish family. Sherry, born in 1960, is the older of two children. She is a New York City child in a middle class Jewish family.

*Family Secrets* is written as a personal diary. It focuses on the lack of communication between all family members, limited by the economics and culture of the time when fathers left home for work at 6 a.m. and returned on the commuter line or subways at 9 to 10 p.m. every night, and when mothers had meager choices in careers, education, ordinary employment, or child care.

The characterizations are believable within the context of the time, but are stereotypical and singly dimensional. The family



vacillates between overprotection to dismay to apprehension to bewilderment.

The main character, Sherry, appears depersonalized. Life appears to happen to Sherry almost as though it is happening to someone else. Her behavior ranges from physical to emotional self abuse to finding a partner. She learns how to become bulimic as a solution to obesity through imitating a girl she met at school. She graduates from the drug culture to the gay culture to the empowerment culture. Later she uses her personal family script to develop improvisational theatre, where she is PAID for her revelations.

My sense of this book is that the title should be changed to *Family Sabotage*. I was reminded of a Yiddish family "Soap" called "Tsuris Bei Leiten." On the cover, "One Woman's Affectionate Look at a Relatively Painful Subject" left this reader *exiting, not laughing*.

### **The Book and the Sword**

by David Weiss Halivni

Farrar Straus Giroux 196 pp.  
\$21.00

This book is subtitled: **A Life of Learning in the Shadow of Destruction**

The words of the Talmud were the universe for David Weiss Halivni during his childhood in Sighet in the Carpathian Mountains. He began his studies at the age of five; by ten he started to learn at home with his scholarly, impoverished grandfather. Before his ordination at age fifteen,

in 1943, he was famous for his erudition.

When the Nazis crushed the Jewish community of the Carpathians in 1944, he closed his Talmud. He taught in concentration camps and risked his life to save a scrap of paper from a sacred book, but adherence to the fundamentalist worldview that insists on reconciling every apparent contradiction in the text had become impossible for him.

When he arrived in New York after the war, he began struggling toward the "window" of secular learning. From that his original approach to critical study of the Talmudic text emerged, not only in its modern printed form but as it was in its original, the Oral Torah from the mouths of countless sages.

Painful, beautiful and passionate, this memoir asks: What can the Holocaust mean for persons who have devoted their lives to love of God? At the same time it is a unique look into the world of Talmudic learning.

David Weiss Halivni is Professor of Religion at Columbia University and one of his generation's greatest Talmudic scholars. He is the author of the nine-volume commentary *Sources and Traditions*.

### **Letters From Tel Mond Prison: An Israeli Settler Defends His Act of Terror**

by Era Rapaport

The Free Press 280 pp. \$23.00

Although terrorism is a deadly fact throughout the world, these shocking acts consistently leave the public with questions about the kind of people who participate in terrorist activities, and the factors that could possibly lead

them to such extremes. *Letters From Tel Mond Prison: An Israeli Settler Defends His Act of Terror*, by Era Rapaport, edited and introduced by William Helmreich, is a brutally honest and deeply personal apologia from an American-born Jew convicted of a terrorist act on behalf of the Israeli settlement movement. Rapaport's letters provide first hand insight into the motivation and development of a person capable of political violence.

*Letters From Tel Mond Prison* spans twenty years of Era Rapaport's life, and contains letters to friends, family, and those who criticized him for his terrorist act, many of the letters were written during the two-year period he spent incarcerated in Tel Mond Prison. The letters chronicle Rapaport's role in the Israeli struggle to settle the West Bank, illustrating in stark detail how the combustible mix of protest, religion, and nationalistic ideology that fueled the settler movement helped make it possible for Era Rapaport to move from legal to illegal activity. Rapaport also reveals the details of his day to day life, from attempts to recruit settlers from the United States, to negotiating for support from the Israeli government, to responding to violent Arab neighbors. These letters show the process by which Rapaport reached his decision to plant the bomb—providing an invaluable and detailed framework for understanding how participants in terrorist movements progress from thought to speech, and finally, to violent action.

*Letters From Tel Mond Prison* is a fascinating portrait of a man and movement whose fierce attachment to the land and estrangement from government will greatly impact Israel's political future. It also offers a glimpse of the inner workings of someone whose political impulses are replicated in the actions of countless individuals around the world today.



Introduced by award-winning sociologist William Helmreich, *Letters From Tel Mond Prison* provides the most devastating portrait in a generation of the politics of violence and how they exist around us.

Era Rapaport grew up in New York City and is currently the Mayor of the settlement town of Shilo.

William Helmreich is Professor of Sociology and Judaic Studies at City College of New York and CUNY Graduate Center, and the author of *Against All Odds*, winner of the 1993 National Jewish Book Award. He lives in New York.

## The World Reacts to the Holocaust

by David S. Wyman, Editor

Charles H. Rosenzweig, Project Director

Johns Hopkins University Press 980 pp. \$65.00

"Unique historical circumstances affected each country's behavior during the war and the Holocaust. These circumstances, coupled with wartime experiences, influenced how each country has reacted to the Holocaust over time. Some have denied the Holocaust, some have denationalized it, some have trivialized it, some have rationalized it, all have universalized it. Some countries have adopted every one of these positions in the period since 1945."

—from the Foreword, by Rabbi Charles H. Rosenzweig

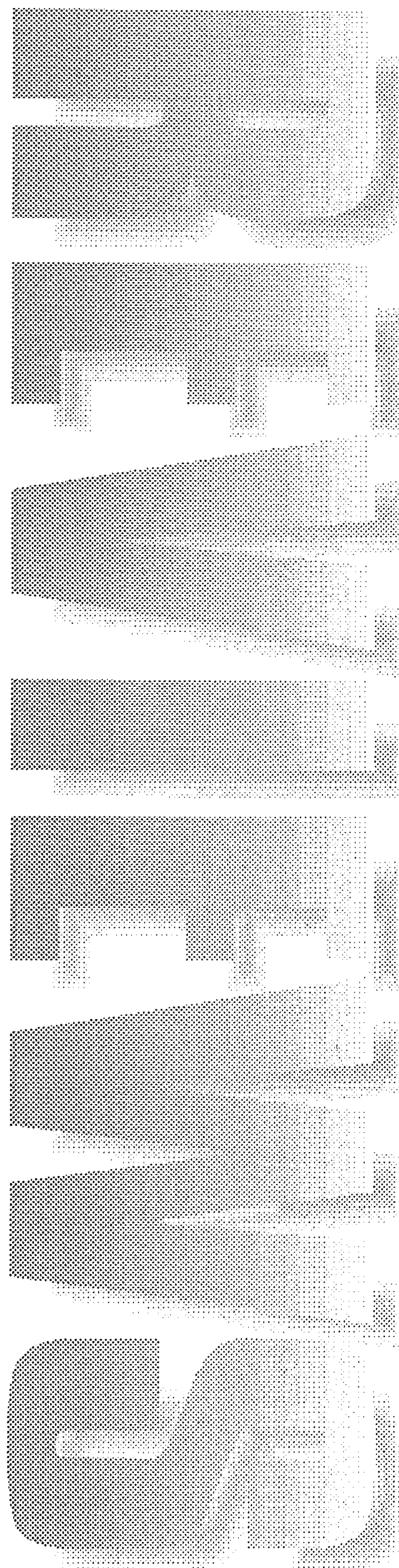
The vast body of knowledge assembled about the Holocaust has reconstructed nearly every aspect of that tragedy. Monographs, document

collections, memoirs, oral histories, novels, and films have all contributed to an understanding of the events that shocked the world into stunned silence in 1945. But what happened in the aftermath—as stunned silence gave way to a full realization of the horror—has not been as thoroughly studied. Indeed, there exists no systematic examination of how countries around the world have responded to the Holocaust after 1945.

Sponsored by the Holocaust Memorial Center and under the editorship of David S. Wyman, *The World Reacts to the Holocaust* is a major new reference work that chronicles, country-by-country, the impact of the Holocaust on world history. Covering twenty-two countries and the United Nations, the volume carefully traces the contentions and controversies involved in the efforts to come to terms with the Holocaust, from the attitudes and perceptions of 1945 to the political, economic, and cultural legacies of the 1990s.

Following a standard format, the essays, all written by prominent scholars, begin with a brief history of the Jews in each country prior to the Holocaust. They next address the characteristics of the Jewish settlements, the presence of anti-Semitism and any related violence, the role of Jews in the society, and the nature of the relationship between Jews and non-Jews. A brief narrative of the Holocaust in each country follows. Among the issues examined are the extent of the human destruction, the degree of collaboration, Jewish reactions, and efforts to save the Jews. The essays then proceed to the post-World War II era and recount the treatment of Holocaust survivors upon their return; the postwar trials of war criminals; the changes in the culture and economy of the postwar Jewish

community and its position in the society; the political, literary, and historical responses to the Holocaust; and the evolving attitudes toward Jews and Jewish culture.





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# ADL's 1996 Top 10 Stories

New York, NY, December 19—The growing exploitation of bigots of the World Wide Web and the Internet, the prevalence of anti-Semitism, extremism, and racism in our society, and the outbreak of Palestinian violence against Israel

ease of Internet publishing, are increasingly cranking out their messages of hate.

“Along with the advantages of technology bringing the world to our

cyberhate’s tactile twin in the form of arson on houses of worship, swastikas on homes, and discrimination in the offices of corporate America, as evidenced by recent revelations at Texaco.”

Events in Israel topping the ADL list include

suicide bombers,” said Mr. Foxman. “As we mourned beside the families of two American students, the barbarity of terrorism hit home. Despite the heavy impact the tragic spate of bombings had on the Israeli psyche, Israeli democracy prevailed, demonstrated by the first

## Growing Exploitation of the Internet by Ant-Semites

dominated the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) annual list of Top Ten stories in 1996 affecting the American Jewish community.

As the Internet grows, notorious extremists are experimenting to find the most effective way to exploit its potential for propaganda distribution while lesser-known haters, attracted by the low cost and the relative

fingertips comes the invasion of hate into our homes, schools and offices when we least expect it,” said Abraham H. Foxman, ADL National Director. “More than fifty years after the horror of the Holocaust and strides made in Civil Rights, we are confronted on our computer screens by age-old anti-Semitism and racism repackaged to entice and incite

the election of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a rash of terrorist attacks in Israel by Hamas and Islamic Jihad suicide bombs, and the Palestinian uprising linked to the opening of an exit to the ancient Western Wall Tunnel.

direct elections for Prime Minister.”

**The Complete ADL list of the Top Ten Stories includes:**  
The Internet and the

## Lead ADL 1996 List of Top

some to act out their animosity,” said Mr. Foxman. “We have seen

“We were pained by the devastating loss of 59 innocent lives in one week of relentless attacks by Palestinian

World Wide Web were increasingly exploited by neo-Nazis, anti-Semites, racists, and Holocaust-deniers, and the technology became a more significant part of their propaganda arsenals. Bigots have disseminated their hate



messages to a much wider audience than ever before, an audience heretofore not readily accessible to them. Extremists have linked their web sites to one another, widening the distribution of hate propaganda used in many

US Army barracks; revelations in the media of race and religious-based discrimination at Texaco, and the inappropriate use of Nazi and Holocaust imagery and expression

American soldiers and wounded hundreds of others.

Netanyahu won first direct election for Prime Minister. In an

the Western Wall Tunnel. Palestinian leaders, including Yasir Arafat, raised spurious accusations that the tunnel threatened the Al Aksa Mosque and other existing Palestinian structures in the

## & Racists & Violence Against Israelis

cases as a recruitment tool for groups such as the Ku Klux Klan. Web graphics allow the display of anti-Semitic and racist cartoons, swastikas, Nazi battle symbols, pictures of Hitler and Nazi Storm Troopers, and photos of cross burnings. Extremist groups also have placed their radio programs on the Web.

of classic anti-Semitic canards by celebrities such as Marge Schott, Ted Turner and Marlon Brando.

Islamic terrorists targeted Israel and U.S. installations abroad. In one week, a wave of suicide bombings in Israel by Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorists killed a total of 59 people, including two Americans, and injured more than 220. An

important affirmation of Israeli democracy, Israelis elected Benjamin Netanyahu, who campaigned on a platform of "peace with security," in the first direct elections for the country's highest ranking office. In his pursuit of peace as Prime Minister, he has met with Chairman Arafat and other Arab leaders.

Palestinian protests turned

area. Palestinian rioted in the streets and some Palestinian policemen engaged in deadly gunfights with Israeli soldiers using weapons provided to them by Israel to maintain the peace.

The Southern Baptist Convention voted to target Jews for conversion. Southern Baptists passed a resolution calling on members to direct their "energies and resources toward the proclamation of the Gospel to the

## Ten Stories Affecting Jews

Anti-Semitism, extremism and racism continued to percolate in society. 1996 saw incidents which included the rash of church arsons at predominantly black houses of worship; swastikas on homes in the upscale New York town of Mamaroneck, on the streets of Washington, DC, and in

Israeli group was the intended target of a terrorist attack in Egypt that resulted in the death of 18 Greek tourists. An Israeli couple was killed when terrorists riddled their car with bullets. A truck bomb explosion at an American military base in Dharhran, Saudi Arabia, killed 19

violent; Palestinian police fired on Israelis. In September, violent confrontations in Israel resulted in more than 75 deaths, including 15 Israeli soldiers, and the wounding of hundreds. The ostensible impetus for the violence was the opening of an exit from

Jews." A broad range of Jewish and Christian groups and leaders condemned the Southern Baptist Convention's focus on Jews for evangelism. ADL called the initiative "an insult to



the Jewish people and a setback for the cause of interfaith dialogue and understanding," and said it "encourages fanaticism and defiles the spirit of religious pluralism."

Domestic terrorism was thwarted by arrests and convictions. For allegedly conspiring to build pipe bombs for a war against the U.S. government and to blow up various sites including Federal buildings, Federal agents arrested three members of the Militia-at-Large for the Republic of Georgia, 12 members of the Arizona-based Viper Militia, and seven members of the West Virginia Mountaineer Militia, while the leader and two members of the Oklahoma Constitutional Militia were convicted by a Federal jury. Egyptian cleric Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman was convicted of masterminding the New York terrorist plot and sentenced to life in jail. Ramzi Ahmad Yusuf was convicted for conspiring to blow up American jetliners in Asia and also accused for collaboration in the New York City terrorist plot. The U.S. Government continued its fight against world terrorism through

legislation and other initiatives.

Louis Farrakhan continued spewing anti-Semitism, racism and anti-Americanism. On a "World Friendship Tour" to Libya, Iran, Iraq, Syria and the Sudan, countries identified by the U.S. Government as terrorism sponsors, Farrakhan called the U.S. government "the Great Satan." He sought to accept a \$1 billion gift from Libyan tyrant Muammar Gadhafi to the Nation of Islam but was prohibited by the U.S. government. On October 16, to commemorate the first year anniversary of the Million Man March, Minister Farrakhan held a "World Day of Atonement" rally on the doorstep of the U.S., during which, despite the theme, there was no atonement. In a rambling, nearly three hour speech, filled with anti-American rhetoric, Farrakhan implied that Jews control American foreign policy. Anti-Semitic materials such as the infamous forgery, *The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion* and Henry Ford's *International Jew*, were available at the event.

Predominantly Black churches were burned

by a rash of arson fires. The passage of the Church Arson Prevention Act of 1996 by Congress, and signing of it into law by President Clinton, was in response to the burnings of predominantly Black churches. ADL, in coalition with the National Urban League, established the "Rebuild the Churches Fund" through a nationwide advertising campaign and distributed more than \$325,000 to the burned churches which came from the overwhelming response of the American people.

Anti-Semitism and right-wing extremism surfaced in a number of countries around the world. Hate crimes against Jews increased in Argentina with the desecration of over 156 graves and tombstones in Jewish cemeteries, anti-Semitic threats aimed at a Jewish hospital, and the arrests of four suspects for planning to blow up a Jewish center. Argentina's Justice Minister, Rodolfo Barra, who oversaw the investigations of the unsolved 1992 Israeli Embassy bombing and the 1994 AMIA Jewish community headquarters bombing, resigned after revelations of a past affiliation with a

violent anti-Semitic organization. Three senior Argentine police officers and a retired officer were indicted as accomplices in the bombings. In Austria, the far-right Freedom Party received nearly 30 percent of the vote in the country's election for representatives to the European Parliament and did nearly as well in Vienna's municipal elections. In France, the far-right National Party received 45 percent of the vote in a by-election in southern France. In Italy, the National Alliance led more than 150,000 Italians through the streets in a march of unity and won 15.7 percent of the votes in the general election to become Italy's third biggest party.

The Anti-Defamation League, founded in 1913, is the world's leading organization fighting anti-Semitism through programs and services that counteract hatred, prejudice and bigotry.

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## NEW DRUG FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS APPROVED BY THE US FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Rehovot, Israel—December 23, 1996. . . The US Food and Drug Administration today announced the approval of the Israeli drug copolymer-1, to be marketed under the brand name COPAXONE, for treatment of patients with relapsing—remitting multiple sclerosis.

Copolymer-1 (COPAXONE) is a protein-like molecule originally synthesized and developed by Prof. Michael Sela, Prof. Ruth Arnon and Dr. Dvora Teitelbaum of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel. Yeda Research & Development Co., which deals with the commercialization of Weizmann Institute research, granted exclusive rights for manufacturing and for marketing copolymer-1 (COPAXONE) throughout the world of Teva Pharmaceutical Industrial Ltd., Israel. The drug was further developed by Teva, with the participation of physicians and researchers from Israel and other countries.

Clinical trials carried out in recent years have shown that copolymer-1 reduces the number of attacks in patients with the relapsing-remitting form of multiple sclerosis, and that it ameliorates the condition of people in the early stages of this disease. Moreover, the drug produces almost no negative side effects.

Copolymer-1 (COPAXONE) was first clinically investigated at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem and the

Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, and follow-up trials were conducted at various other research centers. In a decisive double-blind trial carried out between 1991 and 1994, copolymer-1 was tried on several hundred patients in eleven U.S. hospitals. Following the success of these trials, a request for marketing approval for the drug was filed last year with the FDA, and, as noted above, a recommendation for such approval has just been granted.

Multiple sclerosis is an autoimmune disease that occurs when the body's immune system erroneously attacks the protective myelin coating around nerve fibers in the central nervous system. Once this coating is destroyed, signals sent along these nerves are slowed down, and at times stopped altogether. As a result, body movement becomes difficult, and partial or complete paralysis may set in.

Copolymer-1 (COPAXONE) blocks this process in two ways: it prevents the immune-system "attacker" cells from recognizing the myelin coating, thus warding off their attack, and it also triggers the production of immune system suppressor cells that inhibit the action of the destructive attackers.

Multiple sclerosis is a devastating disease affecting mainly young people approaching the prime of their lives. Approximately 1 million people suffer from it around the world, including some 300,000 patients in the US and an additional 350,000 in Europe.



## STUDY SHOWS HOW ANCIENT CHINESE HERB MAY ACT AS ALZHEIMER DRUG

Rehovot, Israel—January 1, 1997. . . A new Weizmann Institute study shows exactly how a substance derived from a moss long used in Chinese folk medicine blocks a brain enzyme that may be involved in Alzheimer disease.

In the study, reported in the January issue of *Nature Structural Biology*, the scientists solved the 3-D structure of a complex made up of the natural substance Huperzine A (HupA)—extracted from the *Huperzia serrata* moss used in China for centuries as a medicine called Qian Ceng Ta—and the brain enzyme acetylcholinesterase (AChE). The determination of the structure revealed a strikingly good fit between HupA and the enzyme and may provide a possible starting point for designing a new generation of Alzheimer drugs with improved properties.

“It is as if this natural substance was ingeniously designed to fit into the exact spot in AChE where it will do the most good,” says crystallographer Prof. Joel Sussman, one of the authors of the study.

The research was performed by graduate student Mia Raves together with crystallographer Dr. Michael Harel and Profs. Sussman and Israel Silman, all of the Weizmann Institute. It involved close collaboration with Prof. Alan Kozikowski, a medicinal chemist at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, who was the first to synthesize HupA in a test tube, and Dr. Yuan-Ping Pang, a chemist at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida, who had made theoretical predictions of the HupA-AChE interaction.

According to one theory, memory loss and other cognitive deficits in Alzheimer patients result from degeneration of nerve cells which release

### MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Prof. Arnon holds the Paul Ehrlich Chair of Immunology and Prof. Sela, the W. Garfield Weston Chair of Immunology.

The Weizmann Institute of Science, in Rehovot, Israel, is one of the world's foremost centers of scientific research and graduate study. Its 2,400 scientists, students, technicians, and engineers pursue basic research in the quest for knowledge and the enhancement of the human condition. New ways of fighting disease and hunger, protecting the environment, and harnessing alternative sources of energy are high priorities.

the message-carrying chemical acetylcholine. The acetylcholine shortage that ensues is compounded by the action of AChE, the enzyme that breaks down acetylcholine in the body. Two Alzheimer drugs approved by the US Food and Drug Administration, tacrine (COGNEX) and E2020 (ARICEPT), work by inhibiting AChE. HupA, which differs from these drugs in chemical structure but also inhibits AChE, is currently under investigation in China and elsewhere as a possible Alzheimer's drug.

The new study—performed by X-ray crystallography—revealed exactly how the blocking of the enzyme by HupA takes place: HupA

slides smoothly into the active site of AChE where acetylcholine is broken down, and latches onto this site via a very large number of subtle chemical links. This binding closes off the enzyme's “cutting” machinery and keeps acetylcholine out of danger.

According to neurochemist Prof. Silman, “such specific binding means that HupA could be a potent drug even when used in small quantities, so that the risk of side effects would be minimal.” These risks are relatively small to begin with because HupA is believed to possess very low toxicity.

The scientists worked with high-quality crystals of AChE derived from electric organ tissue of the Torpedo, a fish which is one of the richest sources of this enzyme. Due to the very high degree of similarity in the amino-acid sequence of Torpedo and human AChE, it is likely that the Torpedo 3-D structure is a very good model of the human enzyme. The Torpedo AChE crystals were soaked with HupA, and then exposed to a narrow X-ray beam, producing a diffraction pattern from which a 3-D computer image of AChE-HupA binding could be obtained.

In the past few years, Harel, Silman and Sussman have conducted a number of studies that shed new light on medications used to treat Alzheimer disease. Several years ago, they determined the structure of AChE and showed that it has a very deep chasm—known as the “aromatic gorge”—inside of which acetylcholine is broken down. They then solved the structure formed by AChE and tacrine, and found that tacrine works by binding to the active site of the enzyme in place of

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**December/January Issue**

### **ON THE ROAD A G A I N - - - STATE OF THE ART BJH BUS ARRIVES AT THE HOME**



*Activity therapist Gail Ruthfield assists a new resident, Frances Goldberg, onto the new BJH bus.*

There are bright smiles on the faces of many BJH residents who are "on the road again" thanks to the arrival of the new BJH bus. Although six months passed between the loss of the old bus and the arrival of the new bus, many residents at BJH did not remain homebound. Through the extra efforts of staff and generous volunteers

residents were able to be driven to events in the Fair Oaks Limousine and in private cars. Nary a trip to Starmount Luncheon in Greensboro or Hanes Mall for shopping had to be cancelled during this time. Our thanks to volunteers Nancy Allen, Betty Roth, Catherine Smith and Lydia Thabet who acted as chauffeurs and to the many volunteers whose muscles received a workout loading wheelchairs. However

traveling without a wheelchair lift is difficult at best and impossible for many residents who are unable to transfer from their chairs. Needless

to say the new bus was anxiously anticipated and eagerly greeted by staff, residents and volunteers.

As the Jewish New Year dawned in mid September our new bus arrived providing hopeful excitement. This state-of-the-art bus sparkles inside and out with a modern new look, increased safety features, flexibility in seating arrangements and increased space for wheelchairs. Residents and staff are enjoying being able to renew many activities which had been postponed and to continue other activities with greater ease. Residents on each wing of the Home can look forward to weekly outings including special events such as the Clemmons Senior Citizens Luncheon Meeting, Hanes Mall shopping, Starmount Luncheon, varied restaurant excursions for lunch and dinners out, and trips to see the latest movies. Watch out for our brand new bus when you are traveling, you may see BJH residents and staff singing a new song as they go "on the road again".



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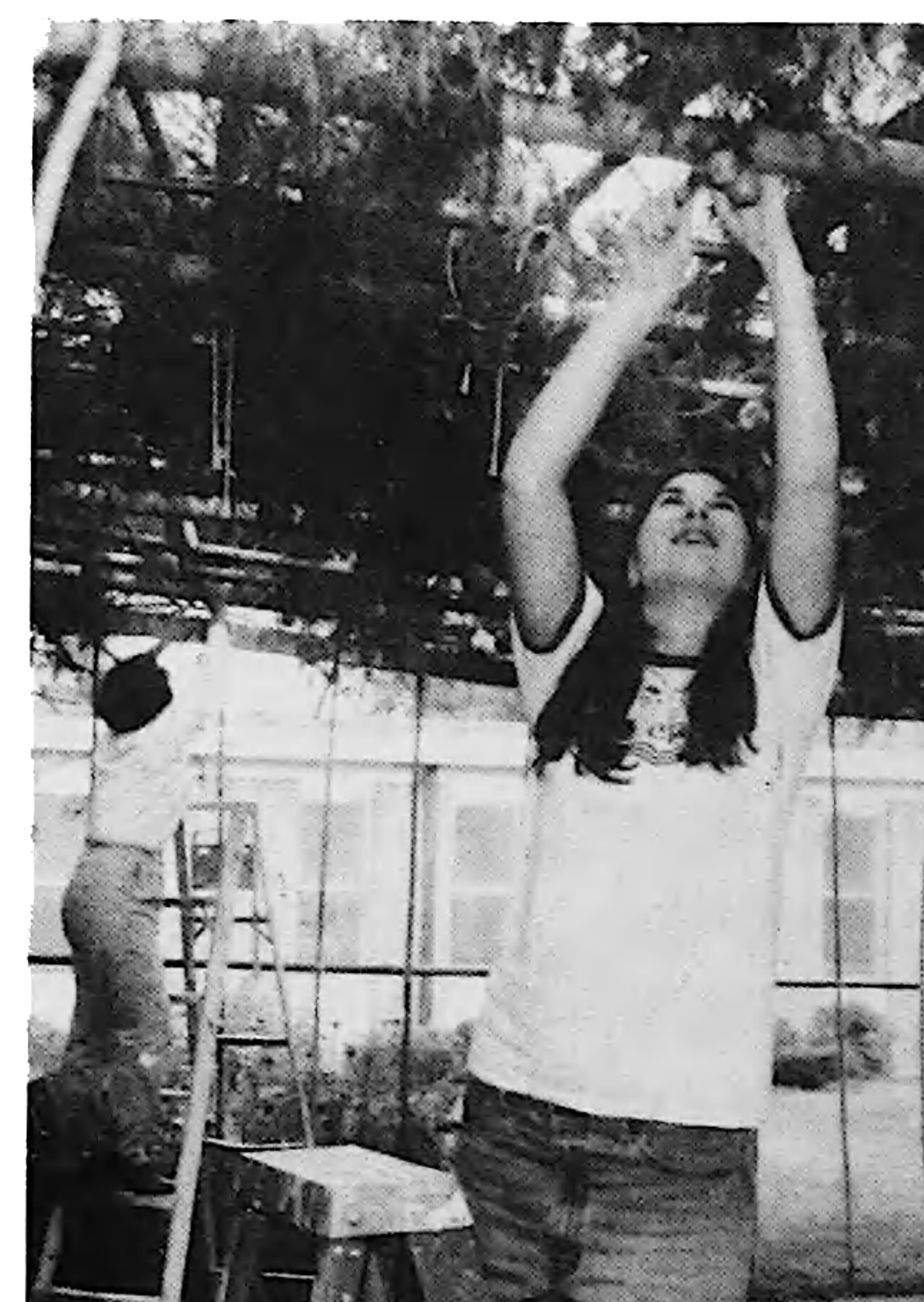
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*Sukkot festivities at the Home pictured clockwise from the top left: Pre-schoolers share challah with residents; parents, teachers and students prepare to sing holiday songs; Dr. Andrew Ettin leads the holiday blessings and Winston-Salem BBYO members with their advisors decorate the Home's Sukkah before the holiday begins.*



## WELCOME

May you have a long, happy, healthy life.

**Frankie Craven**

*Winston-Salem NC*

**Travis Flowers**

*Winston-Salem NC*

**Murray Glanstin**

*Winston-Salem NC*

**Francis Goldberg**

*Columbia SC*

**Saul Gottlieb**

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*Greensboro NC*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### DECEMBER

Claire Cass

Mary Cohen

Ann Defilipp

Sara Feen

Travis Flowers

Virginia Furtell

Francis Goldberg

Bernice Goldfinger

Khaya Groyser

Ruth Menins

Wilhelmina Miller

Dorothy Poliakoff

Thelma Vose

Basya Yudelevich

### JANUARY

Bea Adler

Helen Block

Sampson Caudle

Frankie Craven

Ethel Dickson

Rae Glickman

Saul Gottlieb

Solomon Greenberg

Henry Heitman

Hannah Hockfield

Henry Maienthau

Dorothy Rodriguez

Geraldine Summerfield

Pearl Yachnin

Annis Zeitz



# Sue's News

## Hands On Caring-- Residents and Staff Join Hands for Alzheimer's Association



*Fair Oaks' residents Lottie Maienthau and Fay Simon literally put their hands to work decorating t-shirts ; activity therapist Sally Terreni looks on.*



*Activity therapist Kathy Reagan and resident Sue Michielutte show a sample of their work for the "Hands On Caring" project.*

BJH residents and staff put their hearts and hands together to aid the Piedmont Triad NC Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association in this year's advocacy and fundraising event, Memory Walk'96. It was a bright Saturday morning on September 24th when the eighth largest Alzheimer's Walk in the nation took place in Old Salem in Winston-Salem, NC. "Hands On Caring" was the BJH theme and twenty participants, including staff and family members, also enlisted their feet in the effort and represented the Home on the Memory Walk. Residents and staff spent weeks before the walk preparing for the event,

publicizing the Walk, gathering sponsors for the walkers and creating the hand-painted t-shirts worn by BJH participants. Aided by activity therapists Sally Terreni and Kathy Reagan, residents Lottie Maienthau, Sue Michielutte, Goldie Sandler and Fay Simon met in the craft shop to put their hands together to create truly original and literally hand-painted t-shirts depicting the BJH theme of "Hands on Caring".

On October 22, The Alzheimer Association held a celebration banquet to honor and thank the Team Captains and participants who helped to ensure

the success of this year's Memory Walk. Donnelle Vaughn, Blumenthal Jewish Home's Office Manager, served as the BJH Team Captain for the Walk; she attended the dinner and accepted an award presented to Blumenthal Jewish Home for the most unique T-shirt design. We congratulate Donnelle for her special efforts in coordinating this successful project. Memory Walk'96 spanned generations and enabled BJH residents and staff to join hands and hearts together in supporting this cause. We salute all who participated in the 1996 Memory Walk, the walkers, the donors, the artists and all who cared.





*BJH staff, their family members and resident's family participate in the Alzheimer's Memory Walk '96 in Old Salem. Pictured from the left are: 1st row, Marty and Joey Baley and Justin Vaughn; 2nd row, Sally Terreni, Debby Baley, Mitzi Malinzak, Karen Wyatt, Heather Golds, Amber Craver, Donnelle Vaughn; 3rd row, Jennifer Long, Lydia Sparrow, Thomas Sink, Linda Combs, Kathy Reagan, Anne Clampitt; back row, Umberto Terreni, Seth Levy, Warren Sparrow and Sandra Smith.*



*Residents Goldie Sandler, Fay Simon and Lottie Mainenthau display the results of their handy work.*



*Pre-school Director Fran Thull introduces pre-schoolers to her grandmother, BJH resident Claire Cass.*

## THROUGH ALZHEIMER EYES TO YOURS

Don't fret my child,  
for I may only remember pieces of  
our past  
and the future we imagined.

I am not afraid, nor am I hurting.  
I may only recall your name and face  
for now,  
and hum the lullabies of long ago.  
Deep in my heart and soul our  
memories and  
my love for you will last forever.

My child; cherish only the happy  
times  
that I once cared and protected you.  
I watched you play and learn each  
day and  
comforted your saddened moments.  
You brought me joy and laughter and  
nothing can ever remove what once  
was ours together.

Though I may seem a million miles  
away and  
do not know what is today;  
I ask you only to remember,  
that I will always love you;  
my child.

Alicia Donnelle Vaughn

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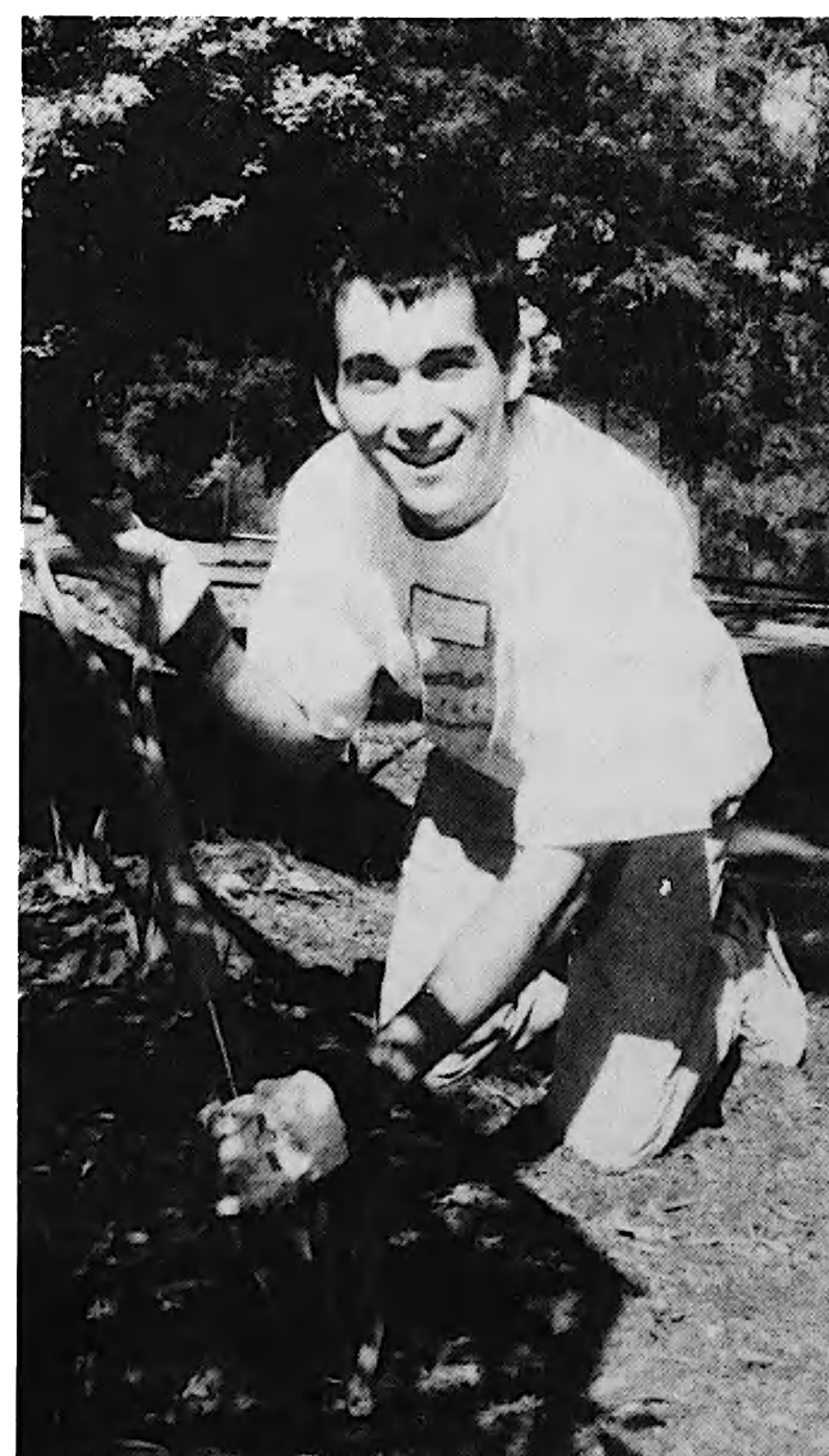
*Mitzvah makers Eve Gelfand, Millie Slatkoff, Zelda Bryant and Dorothy Sulkin celebrate a job well done in organizing the BJH clothes closet.*

# "People Helping People"

## Temple Emanuel Mitzvah Makers



*(clockwise from top left: Meri Bryant, Inna Sokolsky and Galina Krimer keep the sewing machines humming mending clothes; Jeff Ditesheim and Mindy Bloom bring their green thumbs to the Home's garden.-*



**Mitzvah Day photographs courtesy of Don Freedman, Volunteer**



# More Mitzvah Makers



*Barbara Osterer and Julia Kramer play a violin duet.*



*Austin Bloom belts out a tune.*



*Lynn Pritchard accompanies herself at the piano.*



*Laura Kosloske(left) and Alex Schuette sing a duet.*



*Jonathan Pritchard performs a violin piece.*



*Kyle Nelson plays a piano solo.*



*Temple Emanuel religious school students entertain with gusto.*

*Jessica Grundfast assists BJH resident Anne Nelson.*





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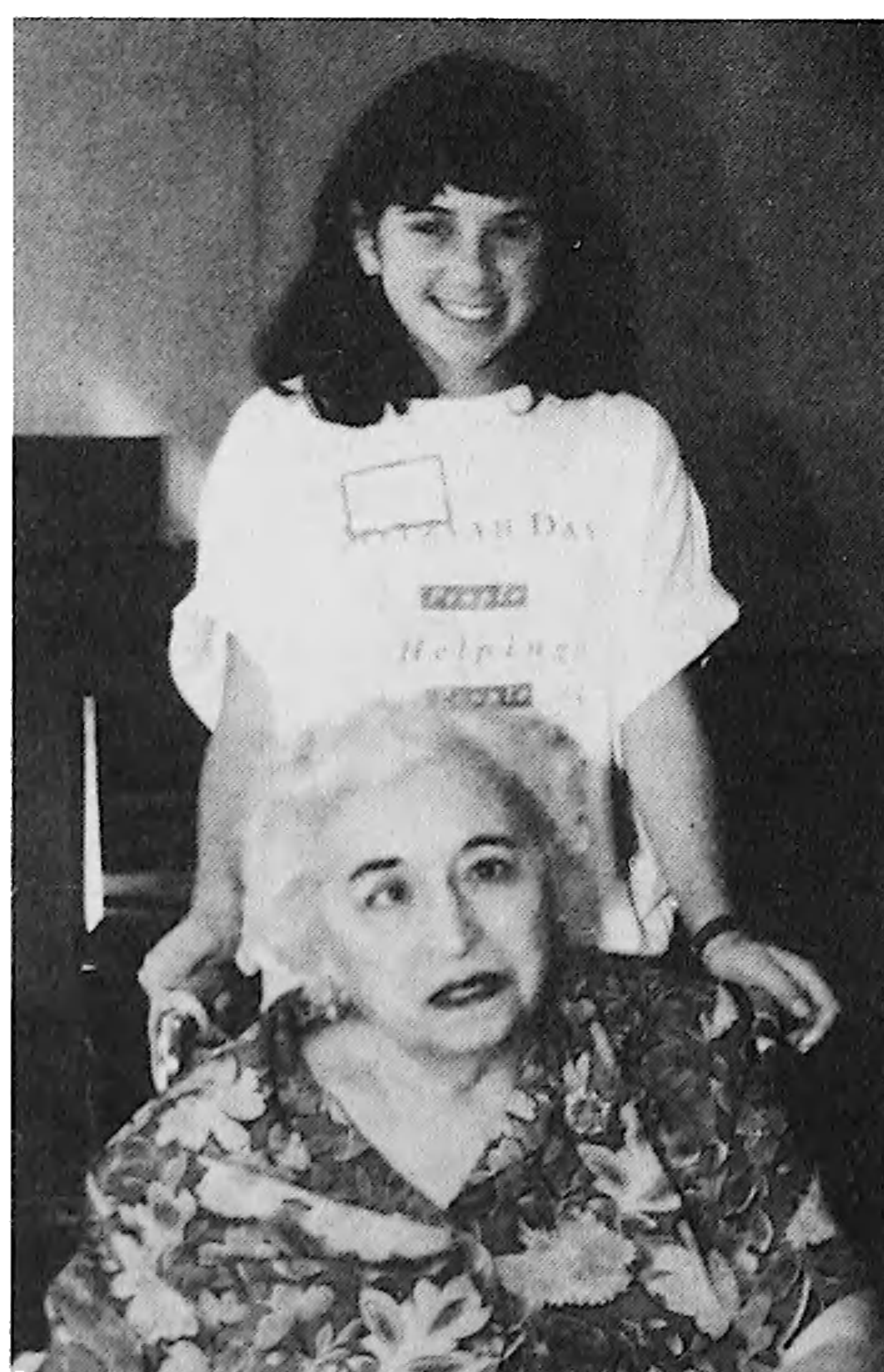


clockwise from the left: Singing songs from *Fiddler on the Roof* are Robyn Block, Melissa Glock and Janie Nelson; Robert Stern with Loma Simon and Robyn Block with Danny Thull.

Below left are students creating magical moments and (right) Andy Snyder creating magic.

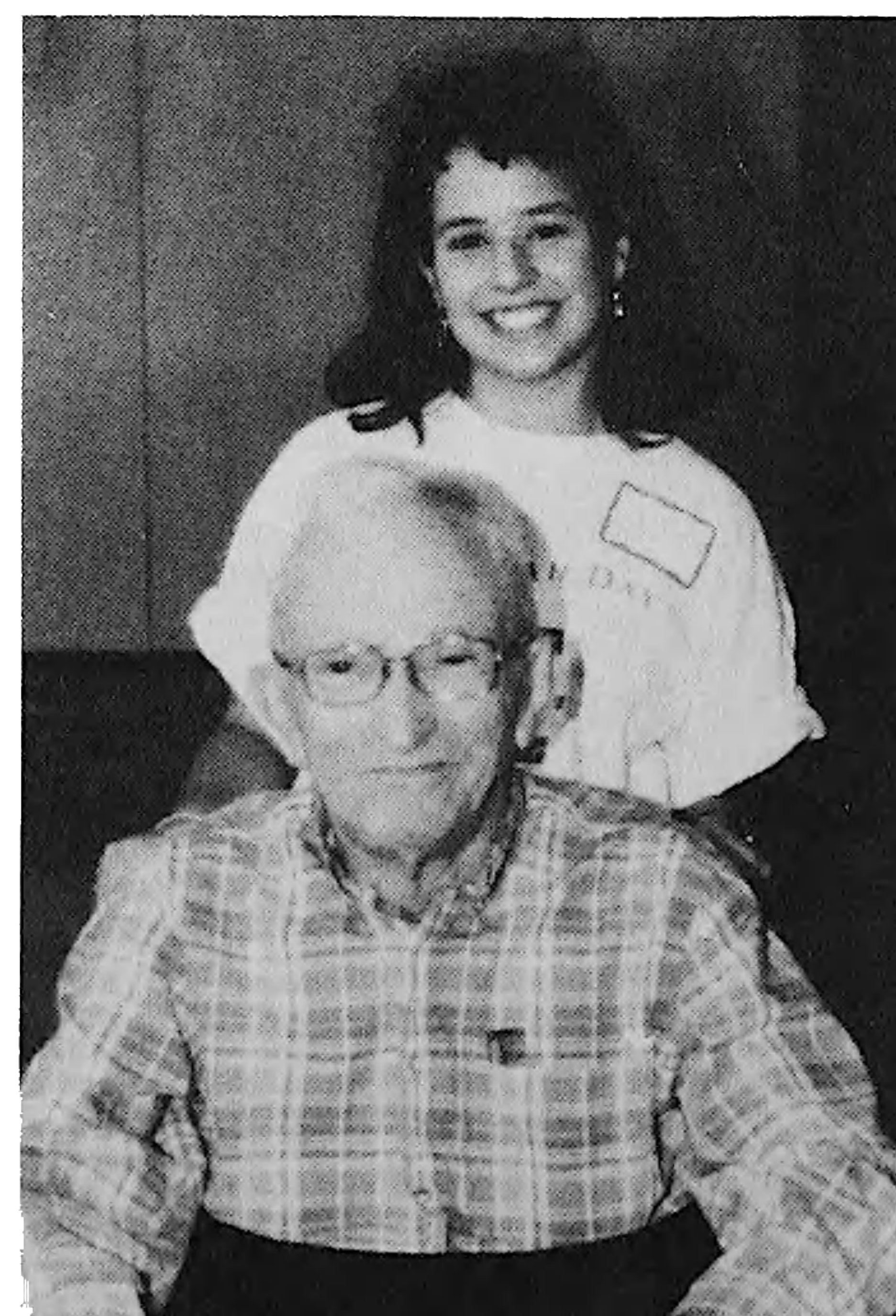


Stacy Clein provides a ride to the concert for Flo Sag.



Lindsay Clein gives a hand to Mickey Samet.

Sarah Fromson assists Jack Tenenbaum to the concert.





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### DECEMBER

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#### 17 Years

Martha Shinault, LPN, B-1

#### 8 Years

Gail Ruthfield, Recreation

#### 6 Years

Glenna Oney, Dietary

#### 5 Years

Larry Gattison, Housekeeping

Betty Tucker, LPN, B1

#### 4 Years

Jennifer Long, LPN, B1

Joyce McBride, LPN, A-Wing

### JANUARY

#### 20 years

Carolyn Bright, CNA B-1

#### 19 years

Betty Gentry, RN B-2

#### 18 years

Sue Pierce, CNA Fair Oaks

#### 9 years

Doris Stroud, Administration

Karen Wyatt, Medical Records

#### 7 years

Betty Stevenson, CNA A-wing

#### 6 years

Donna Sims, RN A-wing

Mike Smith, Dietary

#### 5 years

Peggy Bridges, Staff Development

#### 4 years

Millie Pierce, RN B-2

Jeff Tinsley, Dietary

#### 3 years

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Robin Smith, CNA A-wing

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We shall provide appropriate recognition for the items which are purchased.



*Greensboro volunteers greet the new BJH bus and welcome Dorothy Rogat back to the Starmount Luncheon.*



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## Beth David Synagogue

Greensboro NC

by Carole Kaplan

### Dedication of the Bernard Robinson Student Center

Sunday, November 10, 1996

1:30 PM Affixing the Mezuzah  
and Laying the Cornerstone

2:00 PM Dedication

Reception and Tours following the ceremony.

### Something New at Daily Minyan

Our daily study of the Laws of Lashon Hera at 5:45 minyan was so well received that we're moving on to something new—daily study of the *Jewish Book of Why*, by Alfred Kolatch. Books will be provided, if you have your own copy you may bring it to make notes. Rabbi Havivi will comment on a different "WHY" every day for 2-3 minutes before minyan. Join us! Bring your friends! Learn WHY?!

We are located at 804 Winview Drive, Greensboro and offer daily Minyan from 5:45-6:00 PM Saturday through Thursday and are open to all, regardless of membership. Worshippers are welcome for yahrzeit, kaddish and a few moments of spiritual contemplation.

### Congratulations!

At Beth David Synagogue this Yom Kippur we collected over 900 pounds

of food, which we donated to Jewish Family Services, the Greensboro Urban Ministry Food Bank, and St. Andrew's Food Pantry. That's 200 pounds more than last year—let's go to 1000 pounds next Yom Kippur!

### New Sisterhood Gift Shop

Fifth Avenue has definitely come to our synagogue in the form of the new Sisterhood Gift Shop! Ellen Rothenberg and Kay Fields have created a shop to end all shops! The shop is an asset to our complex and something every member can be proud of and enjoy shopping in.

### Professor Lee Levine

Scholar of Archeology & History  
Founder of the Bet Midrash Seminary branch in Israel  
Rabbi Havivi's teacher  
January 23, 24, 25, 1997  
Plan to be in Greensboro that weekend so you can meet and hear this exciting visiting Scholar.

### From Rabbi Havivi

It is my intention to begin a series of talks/discussions from the bima on Shabbat morning focusing on individual prayers—the *Amida*, *Alenu*, *Sh'ma*, etc. I'd like to introduce this new element of *tyun Tefilah*—Study of Prayer, in our services and hope that we will all find this new endeavor fulfilling.

### New Membership Kickoff

The Membership Committee is excited

about kicking off the new year! Please contact us with referrals of people who may be interested in finding out more about joining the Beth David family. We will be happy to contact them, answer questions, and invite them to join us for services and socials! Call Joy Shavit at 852-3149 or Tammi Fields at 852-3757 for more information.

## Temple Emanuel

Greensboro NC

by Brenda Henley

### Going to Charleston with the Friendship Circle Senior Adult Group From Greensboro

by Marty Troum

From the early morning of Friday, October 11, until late afternoon on Sunday, October 13, my wife Judi and I spent some fantastic and fun time with the Friendship Circle (including my mother-in-law, Sylvia Brown) on a bus trip to Charleston, South Carolina. The trip was organized and coordinated by Marilyn Belenky with tremendous help from Brenda Henley. Both of these women traveled with the group and saw to our every need. Also, traveling with us was Marilyn's husband Neil (the only other male, besides me, and the bus driver Wayne).

The trip began at 6:30 am at Friendly Shopping Center where we all boarded our traveling "home" to begin the six-hour journey. At first, not knowing all the people, the trip was fairly quiet for me. However, shortly after Marilyn and Brenda started passing out the bagels, cookies, coffee and other breakfast stuff, the group began to "schmooze" a lot more. By the time we reached our first rest stop in Rockingham, we were more of a traveling family.



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for the answer. By the way, she had some terrific moves! The weather was perfect that night, and the cruise was delightful. We got a chance to spend some good time with one another and heard some wonderful stories from the groups at our dinner tables. For me, that was the lesson of this trip. It's not important where you are or where you're going or what you see. . .it's only important to know whom you're with and to share your stories and conversations. The beauty of being with the folks of the Friendship Circle is that there are so many stories and so many experiences to listen to. I'm sure I'll be back with them in the future.

After the cruise, we went back to the hotel for another 7 am wake-up call Sunday morning. We then boarded the bus for Magnolia Plantation and Gardens where we were taken on a guided tour of the mansion and then took some time to walk the grounds. When looking out on the grounds from the magnificent porch, seeing the tremendous moss-covered oak trees and the well-manicured gardens, one could feel the grandeur of living on a plantation on the Ashley River. The group got in its last looks and then boarded the bus for home. . .exhausted and satisfied. The ride home was quiet but still exciting. Celia Wenig even grabbed the microphone on the bus and entertained us with some funny jokes and stories. Once again, Marilyn and Brenda were there to meet all our needs with snacks and drinks at the rest stops and on the bus. We even got to see three movies on this trip. SABRINA was the feature on the way down, and GRUMPY OLD MEN and GRUMPIER OLD MEN were the features on the return trip.

At the end of the trip, it was like campmates saying good-bye after a summer together. We all felt good and

had an enjoyable time. We got to meet others and made new friends and knew that the future would be different for us. . .we had more friends in our lives. Thanks to all who made this trip possible and to Marilyn and Brenda who worked hard to make this an enjoyable experience for all of us. Thanks, also, to all our "tripmates" for the wonderful experiences and the terrific stories and just for the conversation. It's nice to have you as friends.

### Temple Beth haTephila Asheville NC

by Marjorie Schachter

**THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE**, meeting at the Karpens' on Sunday, November 9, concentrated on the question of "Who are the Authentic Jews?" As is so often the case, the answer depended not only upon who was asking the question, but who was answering. The discussion, led by Larry Rapoport, was lively, the pre-discussion refreshments, supplied by Reny and Wally Wolf, were fine, and all in all the occasion was a Good Thing.

**THE SISTERHOOD** has been expanding its activities to include formal visitations to bereaved families and to the Summit, a local retirement facility that is home to several Beth haTephila members.

Co-presidents Shirley Rapoport and Julie Lee thanked Brenda Abrams and Rosalie Schrier, members of the Ways & Means Committee, for their efforts in that direction, and also thanked Barbara Pasternack, Membership Chair, "for staying in touch with new

members," and Lulla Shermis for her work on the phone committee, and Shirley Cohen for making once-a-month baby-sitting arrangements.

They also thanked Sarah Cohen, Carl Blatt, Dena Ratner and Yehudit Yinhar for their work. And there were many thanks to Rabbi Ratner for his generous contribution from his Discretionary Fund towards the Book Discovery Program.

**THE BROTHERHOOD** is quietly and steadily pursuing one of its main goals: supporting the efforts of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, which fosters interfaith understanding. Les Schachter, Brotherhood president, says that this year Brotherhood is planning to introduce a spokesman of a non-Jewish congregation at its next brunch, so there will be the usual great food (bagels, lox and all the fixings) and a great chance to expand our understanding.

Dick Braun, Ritual Committee chairman, announced the designation of several new chairs: Jules Resnick and Jack Benetan, responsible for ushers at regularly scheduled services; Rob Hruska, distribution of food basket; Joe Ross, exterior sign board.

**THE SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN**, held once a month, is enjoying more and more popularity. Far from being a cut-and-dried service, this is an opportunity to enjoy Rabbi Ratner's enlightening explication of the chosen Torah passage. Guaranteed to teach you things you never knew and are the better, and certainly the wiser, for knowing.

**IN THE NEWS** on Sunday, October 21, in the business section of the Asheville Citizen-Times, was a fascinating article about the candle



business started and nourished by Helaine Greene and Trudi Vautrin, daughters of Claire and Jack Orenzow. Beginning only 12 years ago in a small shop with one part-time employee, the multi-million-dollar operation is still expanding.

There was a Citizen-Times article, also in October, about Temple member Judge Dennis Winner who was recently re-elected to the North Carolina Supreme Court.

And in the November issue of *Reform Judaism* was an article, with their pictures, about the eight couples who recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversaries at the Temple.

**ISRAELI FOLK DANCING** was learned and practiced, supervised by Susan Ratner, on Friday, November 22, after the Religious School Shabbat Service.

**LUNCH WITH THE RABBI** on November 25 gave the attendees a good look at the differences and similarities between Judaism and Buddhism.

**MANY THANKS** from House Committee Chair Barry Katell to Dennis Winner for purchasing 10 copies of the new UAHC Haftarah Commentary for the Temple in honor of his mother Julianne Winner. And to the Shermis family for their donation of a beautiful piece of calligraphy of the opening passage of Genesis in *Thanks* to the Congregation for the warmth of its reception of them and for the honor of reading this passage at Rosh Hashana. And to all the Religious School Families and members-at-large for their enthusiastic help on our physical plant on Sunday, October 27.

**THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL** is thriving, enthusiastically led by its teachers. From kindergarten through the 7th grade, the children's knowledge of Hebrew, of Judaism and the Jewish community is being enlarged and reinforced.

Carol Blatt, PTO chair, thanked all the parents for the fruits and juices they brought to enjoy in the sukkah, and gave special thanks to Fran Giardina, Hilda Pozner, Julie Nathan and Ashley Vanderwart for their help. She also thanked Morris and Leah Karpen for the gift of new rugs for three of the classrooms.

**OUTREACH** held its November meeting at the home of Stephanie Cooper and Joe Harrison. Chair Janet Grant explained in the Temple Bulletin that Outreach is "an informal group that usually meets every other month for a pot-luck meal and short discussion. Some of the couples are interfaith marriages while others have one person who is a Jew by Choice. Discussions usually revolve around dilemmas caused by marriages where the extended family is not Jewish or sometimes the Rabbi will describe in detail, some of our traditions. . ."

**WELCOME** and warm greetings to new members Neil and Joanie Kravitz, David and Heidi Oshin, Ron and Deana Goldstein, and Alan Baumgarten and Judy Hoffman.

**Temple Israel**  
Charlotte NC  
by Joel Goldman

*Temple Israel, founded in 1895, is Charlotte's only Conservative congregation and is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Over 700 family*

*congregation exists to strengthen Judaism through worship, study, celebration and the promotion of well-being. Our spiritual leader is Rabbi Murray Ezring; our Cantor is Elias Roochvarg; our Education Director/Associate Rabbi is Robert Kasman; our Youth Director is Marc Titlebaum; and our Executive Director is Robert Gleiberman.*

**Worship Services** for Shabbat are Friday evenings at 6:15 PM (3rd Friday of each month is our Family Shabbat) and Saturday mornings at 9:30 am. Our evening minyans are Monday through Thursday 7:30 PM, Saturday and Sunday 5:30 PM. Our morning minyans are Thursday at 7:30 AM and Sunday at 9:00 AM.

**Mazel Tov B'nai Mitzvahs in the month of December. . .**

**Dec. 7** Rena Chernotsky, daughter of Elaine & Harry Chernotsky.

**Dec. 14** Zack Defilipp, son of Dr. Randy & Dr. Gary Defilipp.

**Dec. 21** Joyce Dubin, daughter of Ellen & Dan Dubin.

**Mazel Tov to the upcoming B'nai Mitzvahs. . .**

**January 4** Benjamin Cohen, son of Tammy & Andy Cohen

**February 1** Josh Zukerman, son of Suzan & Michael Zukerman

**February 15** Eric Berkowitz, son of Randy & Stephen Berkowitz

**February 22** Donna Cole, daughter of Althea & Gordon Cole

**We welcome with joy our new arrivals. . .**

**Chase Alexander**, grandson of Susan & Simon Estroff.

**Menachen Mendel**, grandson of Zava & Tom Rosenberg



### Shalom to our new members

Donna Black  
Elise & Larry Cook  
Doris Mermelstein  
Lisa Schoenfeld  
Joseph Zucker

### Kadima (6th, 7th & 8th graders.)

Our Beautiful Baby Lounge Night was lots of fun. Prizes were given to the following: Goofiest, Rachel Orange; Cutest, Rachel Kaplan; Most Beautiful, Sarah Orange and Amy Shapiro; Chubbiest, Rena Chernotsky. The Mall Scavenger Hunt & Movie was a huge success. We had close to 30 members to participate. The 2 teams that tied were Judy Miller's and Marcy Mehlman's. To break the tie, contestants were asked various questions about items in the mall. The winning team was Marcy Mehlman, Alyssa Levine, Diana Levine, Amy Mann, Lisa Kaye and Joyce Dubin. Congratulations to everyone. All 6th-8th graders are welcome to join in the fun. If you have any questions about Kadima, please call Kadima's President, Rachel Orange, at 545-2425.

### LUSKI CONCERT '96

The Luski Family of Charlotte presented their annual concert at Temple Israel, on Sunday, October 20. Avi Albrecht of the group Tamid and Charlotte's very own Viva Klezmer performed in front of a full house of 600 community friends. Cantor Albrecht's program ran the gamut from Yiddish folk tunes to cantorial show pieces to Broadway. The encore, a Yiddish version of Figaro's song from *Barber of Seville* was a particular delight. Viva Klezmer added another dimension with their sometimes jazzy, sometimes nostalgic, always enjoyable selections.

Temple Israel would like to thank the Luski family of Charlotte, Abraham and Rose, Isaac and Sonya, for bringing outstanding musicians for the enjoyment and enrichment of our congregation and friends.

Charlotte is exceptional as a city with great benefactors who bring to our people cultural events beyond those presented by the established cultural organizations. These events are sponsored by Charlotteans whose aim is to enrich the spiritual lives of our citizens and members of the Jewish community. The community deeply appreciates the effort and good will of thoughtful friends of our society whose beneficence extends beyond monetary contributions. The spirit is contagious, growing with time.

### Cornerstone

Temple Israel is justifiably proud of the unique fact that cornerstones of all past Temple buildings were placed into the new structure at the time of construction. The cornerstones, from the original Temples, can be seen at the left corner of the building upon approaching the main entrance. The first cornerstone dates back to October 3, 1915, when Temple Israel, then known as the Hebrew United Brotherhood, was on 7th Street. The second cornerstone was placed January 9, 1949, when the Temple was completed at Dilworth Road. The latest stone commemorates the present Temple building in Shalom Park, and is dated September 13, 1992. Temple Israel was founded in 1895 with thirty-five members. It was the first Jewish congregation in Charlotte, and services were held in a large room on East Trade Street above the Merchants and Farmers Bank.

*If you are interested in participating in any of these activities or need more information, please contact the Temple office at (704) 362-2796.*

### Highlighted Activities for January include. . .

- 5 Bible Class
- 7 Lunch 'n Learn  
Parshat Hashavu'ah
- 8 Baby Havurah
- 9 Uptown Talmud
- 11 Blumenthal Home  
(Services & Kiddush)
- 12 Bible Class  
Junior Choir
- 14 Parshat Hashavu'ah
- 16 Celebrating Life Senior  
Luncheon  
Uptown Talmud
- 17 Family Havurot Shabbat  
Services
- 19 Men's Club Blood Drive  
Bible Class  
Junior Choir
- 21 Parshat Hashavu'ah
- 23 Uptown Talmud
- 25 Shabbat Why Not
- 26 Bible Class





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## HADASSAH

On Sunday, January 12, at the JCC, Hadassah sponsored a speaker, Leni Sltnick, former City Council member. Her topic was "Asheville's 200th Birthday." English tea sandwiches and desserts were served.

## "A FERTILE SPIRIT: AMERICAN JEWISH POETRY OF THE 1990'S"

A discussion was led by Dr. Rick Chess, of UNCA, on January 30, 1997.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

There was a successful occasion sponsored by Beth Israel Sisterhood, Temple Beth Ha-Tephila Sisterhood, Hadassah and the Asheville JCC on December 31.

# Organizations

## Carolina Shabbaton at Sheraton Plaza— Charlotte in Mid-January

A Shabbaton for families and singles was held at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel in Charlotte on January 17-18. A full Shabbat Program, including Shabbat Services and delicious meals transferred the hotel into a festive and spiritually rejuvenating weekend.

The Shabbaton was hosted by Lubavitch in Charlotte with participation of the Chabad Lubavitch centers in Raleigh, Columbia and Myrtle Beach.

Participants enjoyed delicious Kosher gourmet meals and were entertained with Jewish story telling and lively chassidic songs.

The theme of the Shabbaton was "How do we as Jews cope with today's ethical questions." Dr. Velvil Greene of Ben Gurion University at Beer Sheeba, lead the discussions, Dr. Greene is a world renown ethicist and epidemiologist, who has lectured to thousands around the world.

Rabbi Hesh Epstein of Columbia said, "The Shabbaton is an excellent opportunity for people to reconnect with our Jewish Heritage and enjoy the good of both worlds." People who attended the last Shabbaton in Columbia were very satisfied and actually came to enjoy the Shabbat and appreciate its meaning."

The Shabbaton was open to all Jewish families and singles of the Carolinas. Baby sitting and Children's activities were provided during programming and services.

## The Crown City Chapter of Women's American ORT

The Crown City Chapter of Women's American ORT, as well as the national organization of ORT, are launching a Love Reading Campaign. They are collecting gently used and new children's books which will be distributed to the Head Start Program and to A Child's Place here in Charlotte. The goal of this book drive is to help combat illiteracy and give pleasure to those children who are not in a financial position to purchase their own books. The public is urged to participate in this worthwhile program by donating new books and/or whatever other books their own children are no longer using. Boxes to collect the books are located in the cloakrooms at Temple Israel and Temple Beth El at Shalom Park.

Opening a book is like opening a door to a world of exciting possibilities and opportunities. Please help the needy children in Charlotte by donating as many books as you can.



# CAJE Goes On-Line: Visit our Website

at [HTTP://WWW.CAJE.ORG](http://WWW.CAJE.ORG)

The Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education has joined the World Wide Web, with a Website that both offers vital information in the field of Jewish education and provides a place for educators with similar interests to "chat" or exchange ideas. Since August 1, 1996, when CyberCAJE went on-line, Jewish educators connected to the Internet will never need to feel professionally isolated again.

The address of the new Website is [HTTP://WWW.CAJE.ORG](http://WWW.CAJE.ORG). Its colorful front page offers a menu of the material contained therein: information about CAJE programs and events; an index of curricular materials available through the Curriculum Bank; recent articles from CAJE's journal, *Jewish Education News*; access to on-line discussion groups through the CAJE networks; and a list of World Wide Web links that are specifically relevant to Jewish educators.

A click on any of the items brings a host of useful information to the screen. For example, "Events" provides a history of CAJE conferences, including CAJE 21, the recent international conference in Jerusalem. "Articles" makes available a sampling of recent articles from the *Jewish Education News*, including pieces on religious Jewish education and Holocaust education. "Curriculum Bank" lists curricular items that can be ordered by members from the Curriculum Bank in Los Angeles and

offers some pieces from the Bank that can be directly downloaded.

Taking advantage of the interactive nature of the Internet, the CAJE Website offers the opportunity for on-line discussions among similarly interested educators. Since CAJE has long maintained special interest networks, the discussion groups are organized to correspond to the networks. So far, groups have been activated for the following networks: Adult Education, Computer, Family Life Education, Media Resources, and Music. The discussion has already begun, and all are welcome to participate in it.

In addition, the CAJE Website provides links to many other websites that are of interest to Jewish educators. There are lists of relevant addresses for information on Jewish education, Hebrew, Israel, and more.

With the advent of the CAJE Website, the Jewish educator with an Internet connection can, at any time of day, locate a lesson plan, read a professional article or talk with colleagues. Today the Jewish educator is truly not alone.

CAJE is a membership organization open to all those involved in the transmission of Jewish learning. For more information about CAJE, contact the National Office at 261 W. 35th Street, New York, NY 10001.

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## Sam Glaser

***Rising Jewish Recording Artist/Composer  
Sam Glaser in Concert on February 16***

Temple Beth El and Temple Israel, in cooperation with the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE), proudly present up-and-coming Los Angeles based Jewish singer/composer Sam Glaser in concert on Sunday, February 16, 1997 at 4 pm at Temple Israel at Shalom Park in Charlotte.

Sam Glaser's fans range from the late Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach to Hollywood movie star Kirk Douglas. He's been called the Jewish Bruce Springsteen, "the Boss" of contemporary Jewish music. His music combines inspirational lyrics about Judaism with original rock, jazz and pop melodies. He is a rising star in the Los Angeles Jewish community and throughout the Jewish world. His music appeals to all types of Jews—from the assimilated to the devout, from the young to the old alike. They say that Glaser's songs touch the Jewish soul, motivating both children and adults to learn more about their heritage and



imbuing them with a newfound enthusiasm about their religion. Glaser combines an intense devotion to Jewish life with the talents of a skilled musician and arranger.

Following a ten year career recording and producing film scores and secular albums, Glaser's first Jewish CD *Hinenii* was released in 1992 to become one of the best-selling Jewish albums of the year. In 1994 Glaser followed up with *A Day in the Life*, a deeply inspired collection of songs illuminating the beauty of the daily Jewish experience. His latest album just hit the market during Chanukah '96: *Across the River* features sixteen new compositions combining traditional Jewish modes within rock and jazz idioms.

Sam Glaser has been composing, singing and tickling the ivories since age seven. He graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder and supplemented his studies at Berklee College of Music in Boston and at the UCLA Film Scoring program. In addition to his album work, he has published three collections of lyrics and poetry and scored several films and TV productions.

Glaser has served as Executive Director of the Jewish Music Commission in Los Angeles for the past five years, an organization that commissions and produces major Jewish works from composers across the country. Among his duties is the production of the annual American Jewish Song Festival, the most prestigious songwriting competition of its kind. In 1995, Glaser was appointed Music Coordinator for the Department of Continuing Education at the University of Judaism where he supervises the music curriculum and directs the cultural arts programming.

For four years Glaser was Musical Director for the renown *Yad b'Yad* youth theatre troupe in Los Angeles. Sam also serves as a guest cantorial soloist at synagogues throughout the US and is a popular teacher of a variety of classes at the Aish HaTorah Center, the Brandeis-Bardin Institute and the annual Conferences on Alternatives in Jewish Education.

He is active in the Young Leadership Division of the UJF, in the Center for Jewish Culture and Creativity and has been a Jewish Big Brother for six years.

Sam Glaser has captivated the Jewish world with his unique vision, exuberant music-making and insatiable appetite for Jewish outreach. Bring the whole family—and don't miss the opportunity to hear Sam Glaser in concert at Temple Israel at Shalom Park in Charlotte on Sunday afternoon February 16. Tickets are available at the door: \$5 Family; \$2 Single Tickets.

*For more information, call the Carolina Agency for Jewish Education at 366-5007, ext. 272; Temple Beth El at 366-1948; or Temple Israel at 362-2796.*

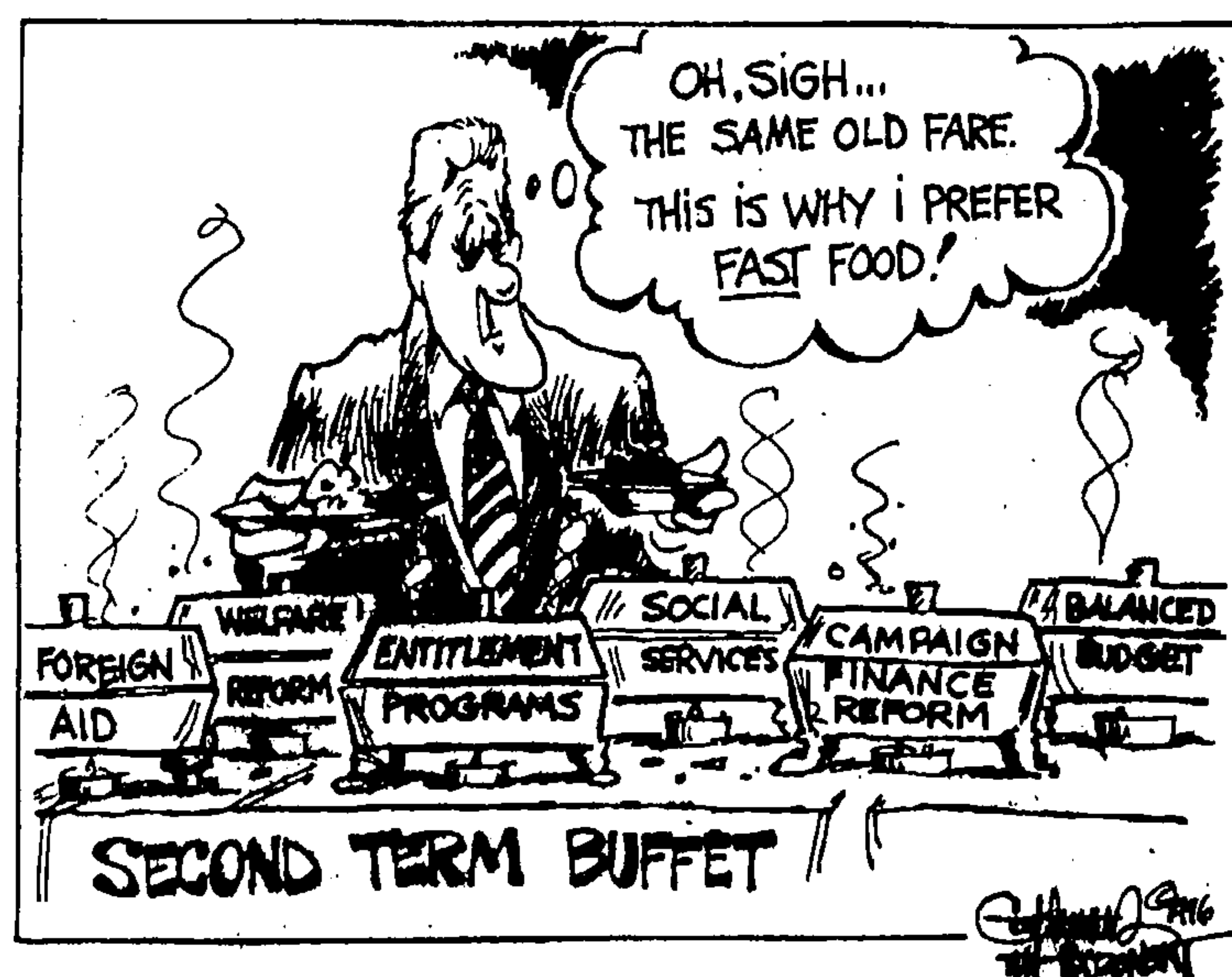
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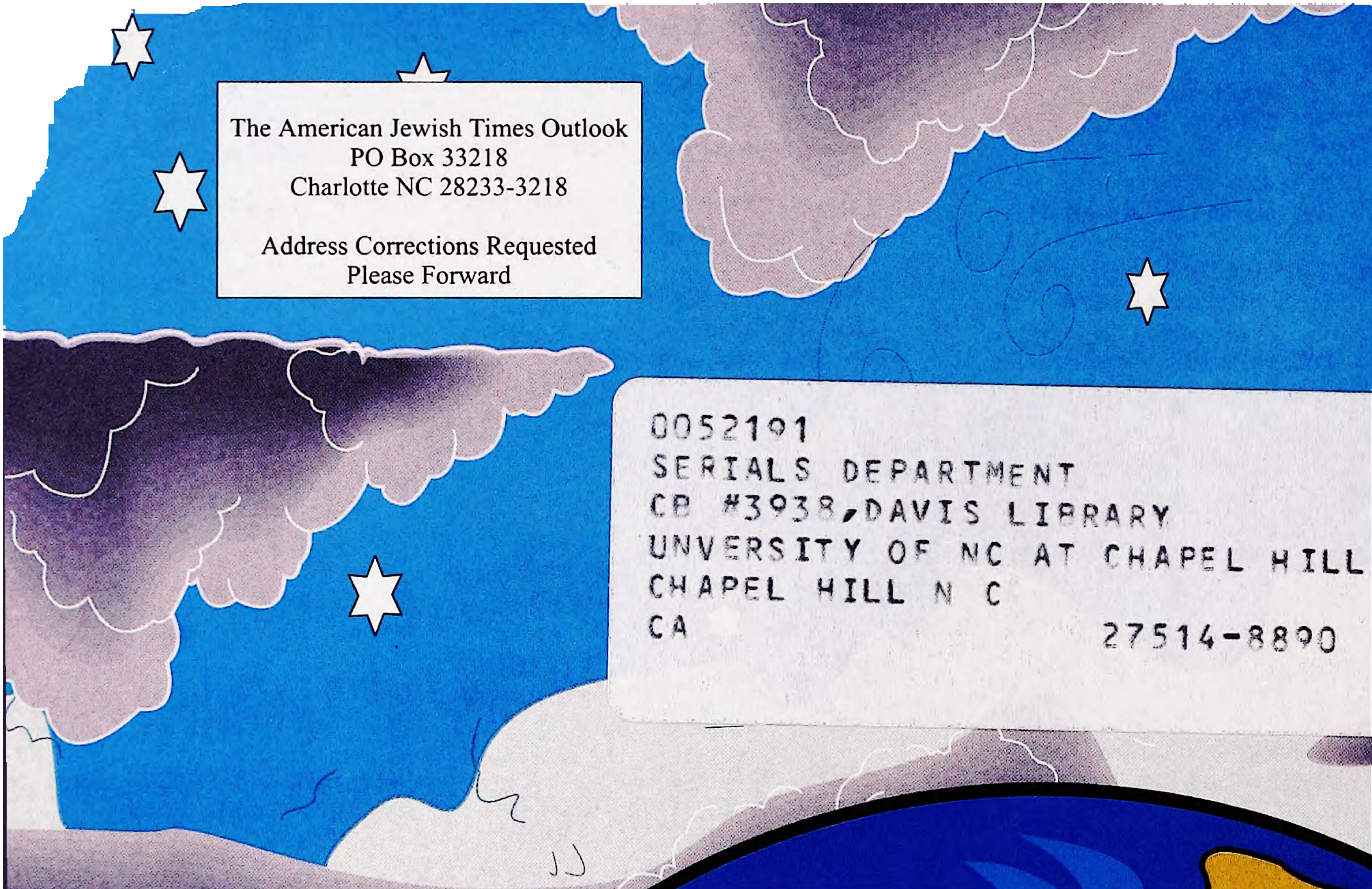
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# Editorial

## AJC Attends Groundbreaking for Georgia Church it is Helping Rebuild

New York, December 19. . . An American Jewish Committee delegation traveled to Millen, Georgia, to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony for the burned church it is helping to rebuild. The Gay's Hill Baptist Church was destroyed by fire in March 1996. No arrests in the case have yet been made.

David A. Harris, AJC's Executive Director, presented the church's pastor, Reverend Harry Baldwin, with a check for \$87,000 collected from AJC members nationwide. AJC's contribution constitutes nearly one-half the funds needed for the rebuilding effort. Joining Mr. Harris at the groundbreaking were AJC leaders from the Atlanta and Philadelphia Chapters.

In his remarks, the full text of which is attached, Mr. Harris said: "When we at the American Jewish Committee learned about the spate of church burnings, we wanted to extend a helping hand—not just in words, words can be quite cheap, but in deeds. We wanted to rise up as part of the community of conscience and stand with those in pain and in need. We wanted to do something tangible.

"For many of us, the sight of church burnings was all too familiar. Near and far, we have witnessed many of our synagogues, far too many, go down in ashes—targets of hate. We have experienced the sense of fear, of vulnerability, of anger, and of isolation that comes with such tragedies. And we know what can happen

when we are alone. Yes, we know. For too long, we were alone, as you have been alone. But no more. Enough. Many good people are waking up and want to be counted."

The Reverend Baldwin responded that "without the support of the American Jewish Committee this ceremony would not have been possible."

Additional funds and volunteer assistance have come from the United Methodist Church, the National Council of Churches, the National Association of Evangelicals, and the National Black Evangelical Association.

Construction on the church is scheduled to begin in mid-January and is expected to be completed by the summer of 1997. Volunteer workers, including AJC members, will assist the professional crew on a weekly rotating basis.

In addition to its work with the Gay's Hill Baptist Church, the American Jewish Committee formed a partnership earlier this year with the National Council of Churches (NCC) and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) to undertake a national fund-raising campaign to assist other burned churches. To date, that effort has succeeded in raising several million dollars. Rabbi A. James Rudin, AJC's interreligious affairs director, sits on the Allocations Committee for distribution of those funds.



# LETTERS

Dear Editor:

Thank you for permission to use "Creed To Live By" in our Sisterhood paper, "Spotlite". Your magazine was brought to my attention by one of our dear members, Mae Gutschmit.

We want to wish you and all those involved in the wonderful work being done in the Blumenthal Jewish Home—continued success in all your undertakings.

We also want to commend you on the quality of your publication, the contents of which are very interesting.

Thank you again.

Best wishes to all for a *Happy, Healthy, and Peaceful New Year.*

Dear Editor:

I have been searching the WEB and have found many magazines with Jewish related content. I was wondering if you are on a WEB site or if you plan to be soon.

Thanks for providing your readers with quality reading.

Best wishes for a Good Year!

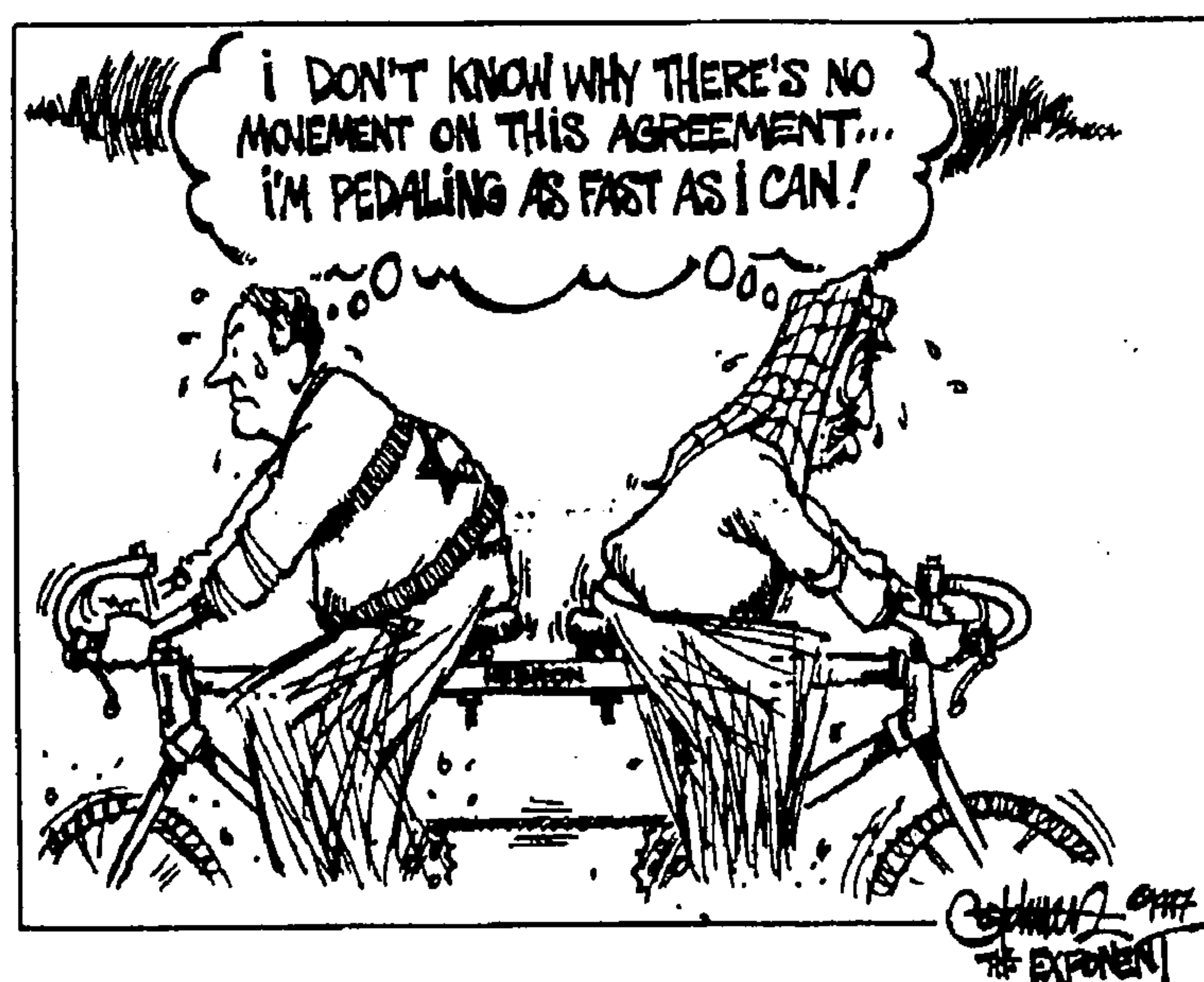
Dear Editor:

I was very interested in the article that appeared in the December/January Issue about COPAXONE. I have a friend who has multiple sclerosis and he found the information very helpful.

I really enjoy reading the medical section in the Times Outlook.

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HENRY DAVID THOREAU





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cont. from pg. 5 - Catch 22

Tall and lanky in a white T-shirt and a streamlined pair of khakis, Israeli Denis Sedov crouches behind a row of plastic chairs, waiting for the cue to unleash his powerful basso. It's late afternoon in steamy Tel Aviv and Sedov and a handful of other promising young opera stars-to-be are rehearsing *"The Marriage of Figaro"* under the watchful eye of charismatic Italian instructor Frederico Davia.

Sedov, 22, joins a talented cast of some 20 Israelis who are being groomed in the sweltering summer streets of Tel Aviv for the world's top opera houses as part of an annual summer opera clinic.

For the ninth year, the Israel Vocal Arts Institute is showering Israel with world-class opera performances, courtesy of internationally-renowned directors and instructors, as well as home-grown talent. This year, 40 Israeli students and 25 from places including Mexico, Puerto Rico, France and the U.S., are attending the five-week opera workshop where instructors such as Renata Scotto, Sherril Milnes, Nico Castel and William Woodruff mold the students' voices.

Long black hair cascading down her back, Miriam Sharoni rushes into the office of the Israel Music Conservatory. The 27-year-old has just finished rehearsing *"The Secret of Susanna,"* in which she sings the title role. Sharoni learned to love music through her parents, who were amateur musicians, although her family finds her interest in opera amusing. "My mom is Yemenite and my dad is Iraqi," She says, "Yemenites don't sing opera. They think it's funny." Indeed when she was young, Sharoni dreamed of becoming the next Ofra Haza, an Israeli pop star who belts out songs with a distinctly Middle Eastern beat. "But I fell in love with opera," says Sharoni, simply, as she marks her seventh year at the summer institute. "Israelis are incredibly lucky that this workshop takes place here."

Nine years ago, Sharoni moved to Germany to learn the language, which is integral to opera, and to study voice development. Because Israel is so small, it is next to impossible to develop an opera career here, she says. "But

it is developing," she adds. "I want to have one leg in Israel and one leg abroad. Hopefully it will develop enough here so that I can return."

Hila Plitman, 23, pores over a musical score, internalizing the role of Monica in *"The Medium."* Plitman is finishing her masters at The Julliard School of Music and will soon begin the arduous process of applying to various post-graduate programs. She, too, finds the prospect of returning as an opera singer to her Jerusalem home improbable. "It's hard to actually make a living here being a performer.

There are not enough opportunities," says Plitman, who still has to serve her time in the Israel Defense Forces, hopefully in the entertainment corps. "But on the other hand, there are such full crowds here in Tel Aviv. They come to hear opera and they love it."

"Joan has really developed opera here. If not for her, it would still be sleeping," says Plitman. "Israel has developed a lot in the past few years. I did a small part in *"The Bartered Bride"* at the Israel Opera and was amazed to see how much it had developed. The environment was wonderful and the people very impressive."

Since the inception of the summer workshop, Israelis have begun to take opera more seriously. "Vocal arts went

from zero to 1,000 during these past nine years," says Faige Zimmerman, self-proclaimed "Queen Bee" and clinic administrator. "The fact that 14 of our students have been accepted over the years to major opera houses like the Met and the Vienna Staatsoper testifies to the success of this program."

Fine-tuning Israeli talent, however, is a Catch 22. Nearly all of the exceptionally talented leave the country to refine their voices and join opera companies in Europe or the United States. Sedov, who moved to Israel in 1991 from his native St. Petersburg, is beginning his second year in the Met's celebrated training program. Designated for Americans, Sedov is only the fourth foreigner accepted to that opera house's Young Artists Program, and he will be singing small roles in six shows this year.

*"It's a shame that all this talent leaves Israel," says Zimmerman. "But all of the top people do. The goal of the program is to encourage voices in Israel. . . I suppose we're doing it too well."*



The dynamic partnership of the Jewish National Fund and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service has produced yet another groundbreaking achievement, according to Dr. Samuel I. Cohen, JNF senior executive vice president. Under the joint auspices of JNF, Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael, Hebrew University of Arizona, an advanced course in integrated water management was offered for the first time in the Middle East.

The inaugural course, offered by the Faculty of Agriculture at Hebrew University in Israel, drew over 30 participants, including graduate students from Hebrew University's Faculty of Agriculture; KKL managers, scientists and administrators; and researchers from the nearby Volcani Center. The six-week course was taught by visiting professor Peter F. Ffolliott, leading forestry management expert and current professor of water management at the University of Arizona's School of Renewal Natural Resources.

Through the ongoing collaborative efforts of the JNF, KKL, the U.S. Forest Service, Hebrew University and several American universities, it is anticipated that additional graduate level coursework will be offered by Hebrew University's Faculty of Agriculture in the general areas of forest influences, forest ecology, forest and watershed management, and forest genetics. In keeping with this productive partnership, Ph.D.-level

# JNF & U.S. Forest Service Create First Integrated Water Management Course in the Middle East Region

personnel from American universities and the U.S. Forest Service will teach some of these additional courses.

According to Professor Ffolliott, the coursework related to integrated water management "...is particularly relevant to the needs of the people of Israel in that the strategies and tactics of conservation and sustainable production and the use of natural resources is considered in an integrated framework." In short, watershed management not only

deals with the protection of water resources, but also the capacity and sustainability of land and vegetation resources managed for the production of goods and services.

By all accounts, the initial course was a tremendous success. In fact, Professor Ffolliott observed in his post-course report, "I believe that I learned at least as much as the participants relative to the concepts and applications of watershed management in the fragile ecosystems typifying Israel and other dry-land countries."

The six-week program was not limited to the classroom; an integral part of the curricula included a field trip organized by the JNF during the final week of the course. This activity according to Professor Ffolliott, "...met all of the objectives anticipated of a field trip for the type of course taught."



During his teaching assignment in Israel, Professor Ffolliott also traveled to Egypt and Jordan in connection with the International Arid Lands Consortium. The Consortium, established in the late 1980s at the initiative of JNF and officially authorized by the U.S. Congress in 1990, is a partnership of agencies dedicated to combating environmental degradation and water and land mismanagement in arid and semi-arid regions. The founding partners of the IALC, which include JNF, the USDA Forest Service and five American universities (The University of Arizona, the University of Illinois, New Mexico State University, South Dakota State University and Texas A&M-Kingsville) achieve their goals through cooperative research, education, information sharing and technology transfers.

The exciting new curricula offered at Hebrew University demonstrates once again that the decade-long partnership of JNF and the U.S. Forest Service has proven to be one of the most productive and creative collaborations related to environmental issues.

This partnership dates back to the earliest days of the Intifada, when Dr. Cohen, Michael Aschenbrand, JNF director of administration, and Robert Chertock, Washington DC regional director, met with Forest Service officials to enlist their support in combating terrorist-set fires in Israel's precious forests. Fire-fighting experts from the Forest Service visited Israel and made recommendations that JNF adopted. While in Israel, these experts saw JNF's remarkable afforestation program through which forests were created in areas where many experts believed growth could not be supported.

This visit led to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between JNF and the U.S. Forest Service that has evolved through the years. Over 20 missions to Israel of Forest Service scientists and researchers, and an equivalent number of KKL missions from Israel to the United States, have taken place. Participants have learned from the expertise of their counterparts, and numerous other nations have benefited from the sharing of technologies and research.





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*In honoring the Blumenthals, the Board of Directors are recognizing not only the generosity of one very special man and woman, but also paying tribute to an entire family who have made Tzedakah a family tradition. As we found out, that tradition runs broad and deep in the Blumenthal family. . .*



*Herman and Anita Blumenthal in 1945.*

**L**ate in the 1880's brothers Samuel and Max Blumenthal emigrated from Lithuania. Arriving in New York, Samuel and Max soon left and found their way to Savannah, Georgia which was a center of economic opportunity. The relaxed atmosphere, southern hospitality, and a warm welcome by the vibrant Jewish community touched them deeply. Not wanting to return to New York, the two brothers remained in Savannah, where each set up a business. Both became successful and began acquiring real estate as their businesses grew. They became well known in the community as they became active in Jewish life. Samuel married Fanny Rocklin, and eventually had six children: I.D. (Dick,) Ellis, Henrietta, Judith, Hannah and Herman.

Samuel's work ethic, his commitment to civic affairs, and his tolerance for all faiths left an indelible impression on his family.

Early on, his father taught Herman two things: The importance of hard work and of philanthropy. "My brothers and I started working in the family store when we were small children," recalls Herman. "It was a tradition." At the same time, Samuel Blumenthal taught by his example the importance of giving back to the community. Herman remembers Savannah's small Hebrew school. "At that time," says Herman, "it was located in the city's downtown area, but it should have been in the residential area." Samuel, realizing a need to relocate the school, purchased a house on a large tract of land in the residential area. He converted the house into a school building for the Hebrew school. "It was just something my father believed in," Herman explained. "You give back to the people who have helped you."



In 1924 Dick, the eldest child, struck out on his own as a traveling salesman. With scarcely enough in his pocket to get him from one town to the next, he was passing through Charlotte when his car experienced a leaky radiator. Taking it to a tinsmith by the name of G.G. Ray, he was astounded when the man sealed the leak by pouring a powder into the radiator. According to Mr. Ray, the powder known as Solder Seal, an invention of his own making, was no longer available due to his company's inability to market it.

So certain was he that Solder Seal could be marketed effectively, I.D. convinced Mr. Ray to enter into a partnership with him. In the years that followed, I.D. took the product on the road, demonstrated it in town squares, at corner gas stations, anywhere he might attract a group of people. Before long, the groups multiplied into crowds. The orders multiplied from a few individual tubes to major shipments bound for automotive repair companies.

At Radiator Specialty Company, the division Mr. Ray created expressly for the manufacture of Solder Seal, profits were multiplying as well. Realizing that continued growth demanded more than one item, I.D. began expanding Radiator Specialty's product line. The next logical step was to create a powder capable of stopping leaks in heating boilers in apartments and factories. Solder Seal Boiler Repair joined the ever-growing ranks of Solder Seal products, including Radiator Anti-Rust, Powder Block Seal and Liquid Radiator Repair.

By 1934, I.D. was sole owner of Radiator Specialty Company and in 1937 moved its headquarters to a renovated cotton mill in Charlotte, which remains its home today. In 1933, I.D. acquired the Golden State Rubber Mills in Los Angeles and in 1940 Herman moved to California to become acquainted with the plant.

It was in California that Herman met Anita Sutker through a mutual friend. Like the Blumenthals, the Suters were from Savannah, where Anita's father had been associated with Anderson-Clayton, a cotton

broker. When the Great Depression put an end to the cotton business, Anita's father, Victor, moved their family – including Anita, her mother Lillian, and older sister Frances, to Los Angeles where he became a casting director for Columbia Studios and later Walt Disney Productions.

Maturing into a young woman, Anita began a singing career on radio programs and dubbing her voice in movies for actresses including Rita Hayworth. Coincidentally, the Blumenthal and Sutker families had known each other in Savannah's small,

close-knit Jewish community, although Herman and Anita did not. *"Herman's parents were a great deal older than mine,"* recalls Anita. *"My parents were closer in age to Dick, and consequently I never really knew the Blumenthals."* Herman adds, *"It took a trip to one of the biggest cities across the country for Anita and me to meet."* Some would say it was their *bechert* (meant to be.)

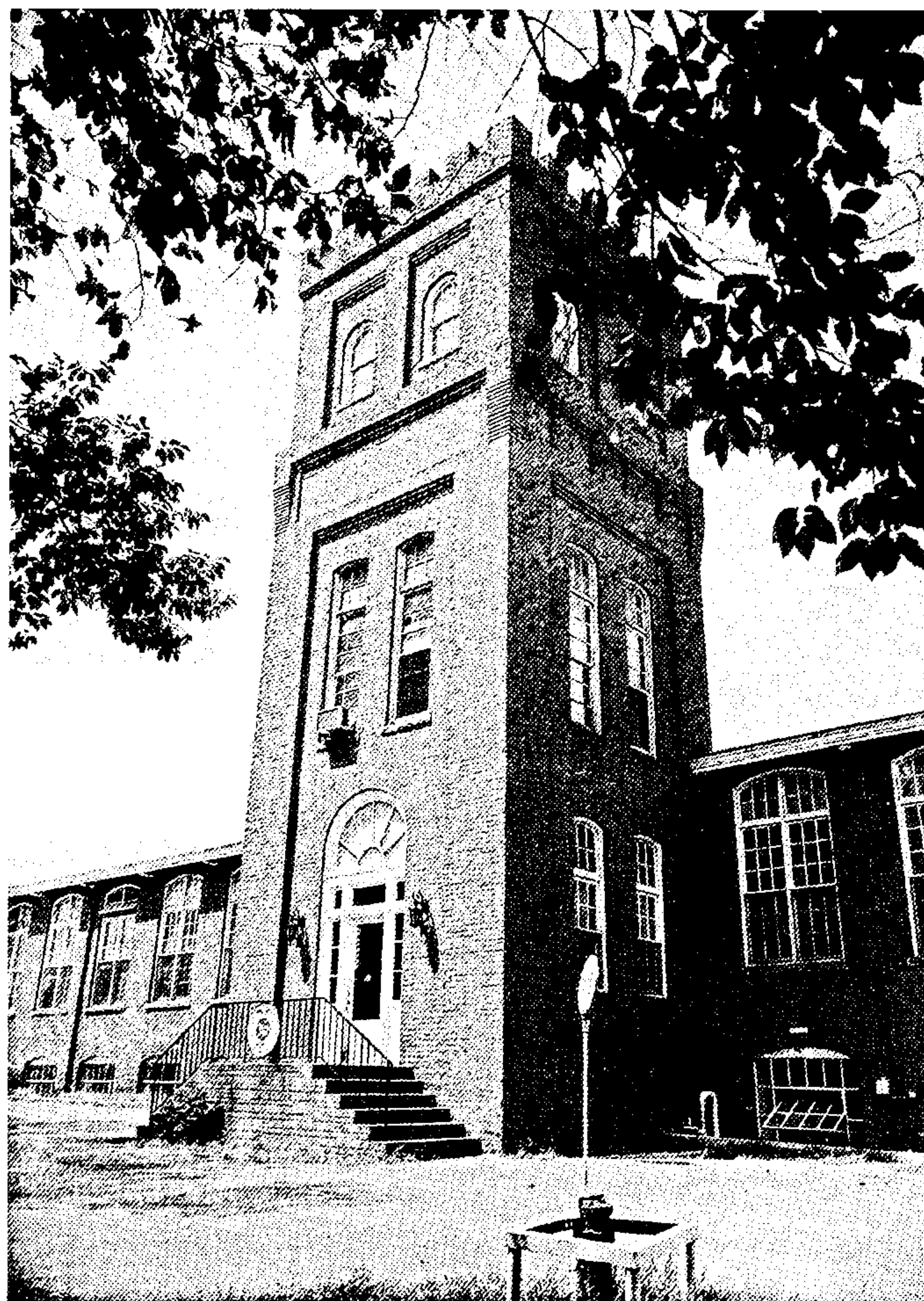
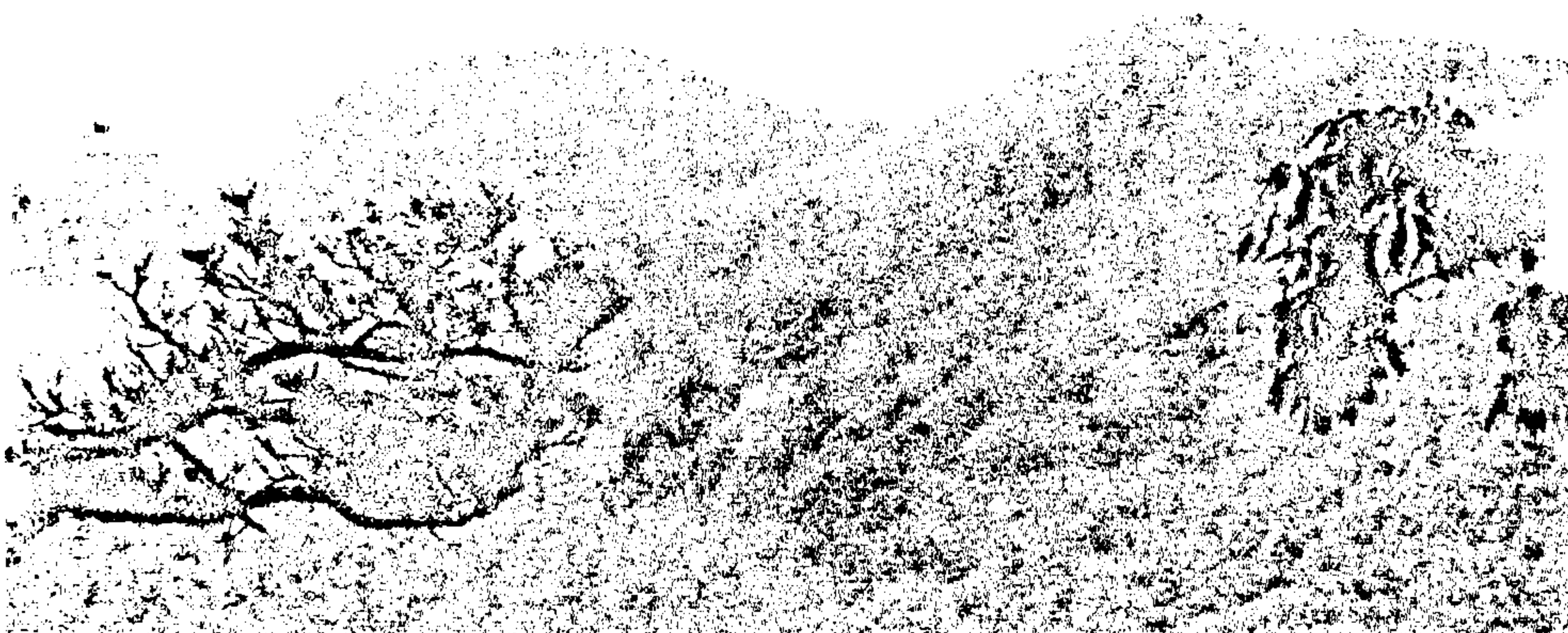


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need, providing compassionate care and companionship for North Carolinians and their families from across the United States.

According to Herman, Dick considered this his proudest achievement. The original name was the North Carolina Jewish Home for the Aged. In honor of Dick, the home was later named the Blumenthal Jewish Home.

In 1966, they acquired the *American Jewish Times Outlook*. In keeping with the precepts of its original publishers, the "*Times Outlook*" serves as a forum for Jewish communities in a tri-state area to express ideas, share ideals, and connect with one another through the written word.

***Promoting understanding between people of all faiths was I.D.'s greatest dream.***

Nestled on the summit of Pompey's Knob, Wildacres boasts a colorful history. Its original owner, Thomas Dixon, had actually begun transforming the property into a haven for creative thinkers when the Crash of '29 forced him into bankruptcy.

For seven years the land lay idle. Then in 1936, as the country struggled to recover from the Great Depression, a Charlotte real estate agent persuaded I.D. to bid on the property that was about to be auctioned by a court in Austin, Texas. Acting on the agent's advice, I.D. offered \$6,500, an unheard of amount for 1400 acres of mountain real estate, complete with the buildings Dixon had initially built.

On the day of the auction, his was the only bid received, and because his offer was so low, the Texas court sent a representative to appraise the real estate's worth.

Certain the man would reject the bid once he laid eyes on Wildacres, I.D. met the agent at an Asheville train station, and together they set forth for the mountain. It was a glorious day when they started out, but as the car wound its way up Pompey's Knob, a storm rolled in, shrouding the mountain in mist. It was raining when

they reached the summit, and impossible to see a thing through the impenetrable fog.

Wet, miserable, and no doubt unaccustomed to the eerie quality the Blue Ridge can assume on such a day, the agent from Texas did not care to tarry. He returned to Austin and within a few weeks, the bid was approved. "*From then on,*" says Herman, "*Dick would tell everybody he didn't buy Wildacres. He claimed it was a gift from God, because if the cloud had not been over the mountain that morning, the deputy would have seen all the beautiful mountains that surrounded Wildacres and the judge would never have approved the sale.*"

In the late 1930's Herman oversaw the refurbishing of the buildings, which had deteriorated over the years. He then operated Wildacres as a summer hotel until the advent of World War II. After the war, Dick and his wife Madolyn, and Herman and Anita decided they wanted more people to benefit from Wildacres, and in 1946 it was dedicated to "the betterment of human and interfaith relations." And in the years hence, it has enriched the lives of thousands of people, serving as a retreat and conference center for nonprofit groups. A public foundation since 1972, Wildacres is a fulcrum



*Wildacres in the Mid-1920's*



for innovative programs designed to meet the challenges that the twenty-first century will present.

Although he treasures his heritage, Herman Blumenthal, like his forebears, never tires of looking toward the future. On the 50th Anniversary of Wildacres a new initiative was established, *The Wildacres Leadership Initiative*. The program will continue to give a gift of enduring significance to North Carolina. The role of the humanities is central to its mission, its objective, three-fold: To provide a forum where leaders come together to examine socio-economic, cultural and political challenges, to promote the exchange of ideas between former, present and future leaders, and to develop opportunities for emerging leaders to utilize their talents and knowledge of projects that will benefit North Carolina, the nation and the world.

In October 1995, the Wildacres Leadership Initiative launched the William C. Friday Fellowship for Human

Relations, an innovative program designed to prepare future generations of leaders. Through the Friday Fellowship and programs similar to it, the Initiative reaffirms the vision of the Wildacres founders: to improve human relations, foster common understanding, build and strengthen a sense of community among all peoples.

As for Herman and Anita Blumenthal, whose families provide so much strength and sustenance, their greatest source of pride may well be their three sons and seven grandchildren: son Alan, husband of Lee and father of Jill and Stacy, is president of Radiator Specialty Company; son Philip, husband of Amy and father of Andrew and Ethan, manages the Blumenthal Foundation and serves as director of Wildacres; and son Samuel husband of Valerie and father of Jason, Joshua and Jacob, is a clinical psychologist and a consultant to Radiator Specialty Company.

*"The Blumenthal family has been fortunate to prosper in Charlotte, North Carolina, and as a responsibility of this privilege we feel that it is our obligation to try to effect positive change in the lives of those people who are served through our philanthropic endeavors" says Herman. "Our foundation is looking forward to the next millennium, and welcoming a new generation of our family into the decision making. We are proud of our philanthropic heritage and hope that we can continue to have an impact on shaping our community and society as a whole."*



## The Charlotte Yiddish Institute

**The Charlotte Yiddish Institute** proudly announces its 19th season at the Wildacres Retreat, Little Switzerland, NC, from August 14-17, 1997, featuring guest speakers, performers, Yiddish classes, workshops, gift and book shop, daily and Shabbes services, outstanding southern hospitality and much more.

*To place your name on the Institute's mailing list or for further information, call Baila Pransky, coordinator, at 704-366-5564 or write to the Charlotte Yiddish Institute at Shalom Park, 5007 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28226.*

# Elie Wiesel

Elie Wiesel received the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway, on December 10, 1986. A survivor of Auschwitz and Buchenwald, he has dedicated his life's work as a writer and teacher to preserving the memory of the six million Jews who perished at the hands of the Nazis. "Wiesel is a messenger to mankind," his Nobel citation reads. "His message is one of peace and atonement and human dignity. The message is in the form of a testimony, repeated and deepened through the works of a great author."

In his public life, Wiesel has consistently shown the moral power of the individual conscience. With an eloquence born of the truth, he has spent his life bearing witness. Wiesel is the author of over thirty books of fiction and essays and is the subject of a dozen others. He is also Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities at Boston University, where he teaches the literature of memory. Among the many international awards he has received are the Congressional Gold Medal of Achievement, the Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Award, the Academie Francaise's Prix Bordin, Commander of the French Legion of Honor, and the Royal Belgium Academy's International Peace Prize. He has also been Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. Wiesel now lives in New York with his son and his wife, Marion, also a Holocaust survivor, who translates his writing from French into English.

On March 12, 1997, at 8:00 p.m. Elie Wiesel will share his compelling presentation entitled "*Against Indifference*" at the North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center. Those who have heard Wiesel remember his message of hope and faith in the human spirit as a defining moment.

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Wall Project was funded by a grant from a community youth council and fully endorsed by the Mayor of Charleston, who officiated at the ribbon cutting ceremony. Extensive media coverage took place, thus ensuring community-wide attention to the issue of teen violence. Plans have already been formulated to continue this successful program, including working with area superintendents and principals to implement an in-school program and establishing a youth forum in a targeted middle school. This project can be easily replicated by other communities wishing to strengthen and enhance racial relations and promote a message of peace and brotherhood.

Honorable Mention recognition was awarded to the Jewish Community Federation of Greater Chattanooga for its "Jewish Community Religious School: Conservative, Orthodox, Reform." Due to affiliation diversity and multiple congregations within the community, the Federation was presented with a unique challenge: to find an innovative way of teaching its Jewish children (total student population is under 200) by maximizing the limited resources available, namely adequately trained teaching staffs, while at the same time meeting the diverse educational objectives of the multiple congregations. Out of this challenge came the development of the Chattanooga Jewish Community Religious School (C.J.C.R.S.), which meets every Sunday during the school year, using the facilities of either the Conservative or Reform congregation.

The programs are offered to all pre-school through high school students and are taught by teachers drawn from the Jewish community at large. Evening adult Jewish educational

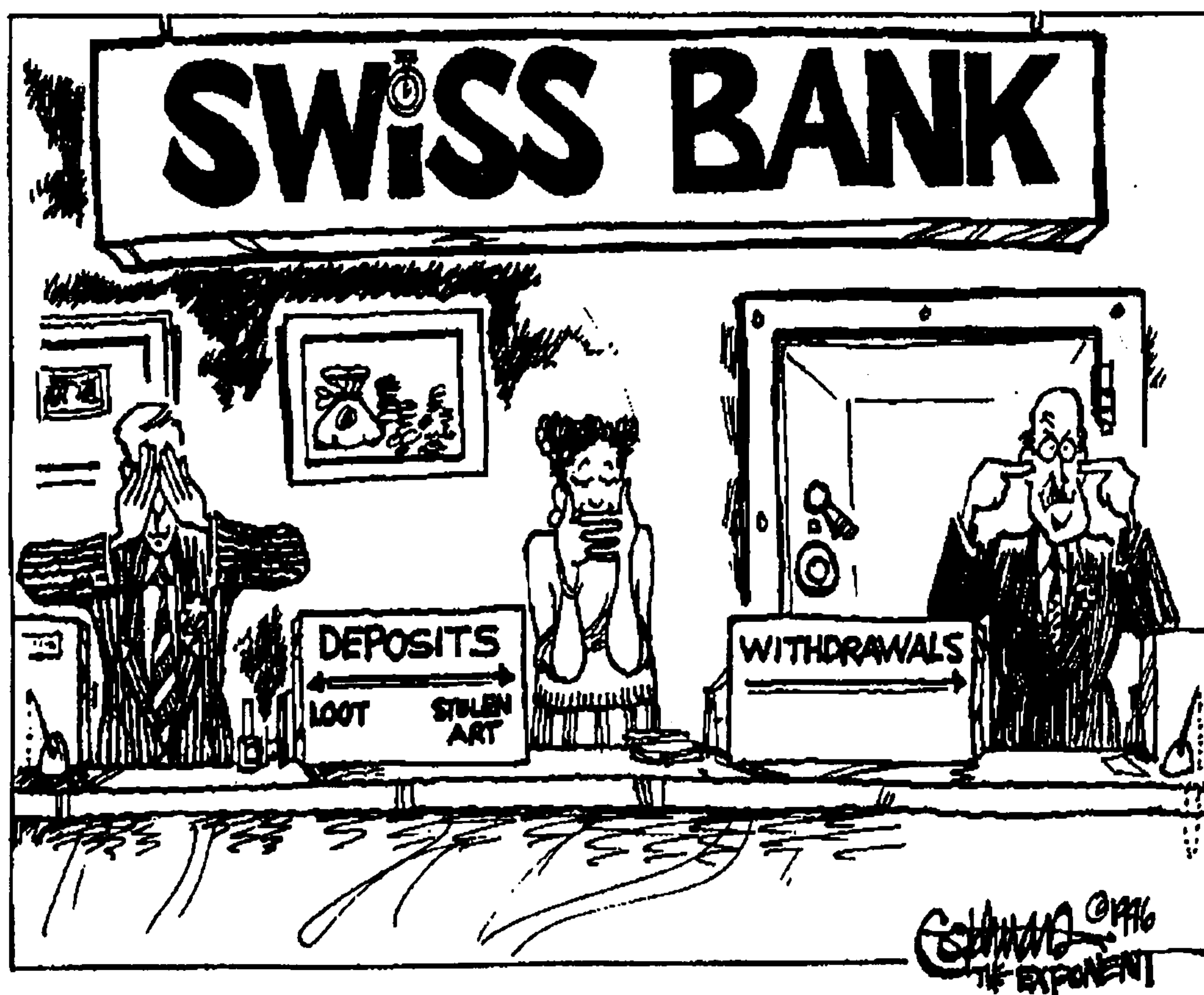
courses were added during the 1995-96 school year. An educational director was hired in July 1995, with funding from the Federation for a three-year commitment.

While the program has already been initiated in other communities, the Jewish Community Federation of Greater Chattanooga is to be commended for successfully bringing together the three denominations to enhance the learning and socialization of Jewish children in a small community. The program has been successful in reducing the duplication of religious educational instruction and in offering further opportunities which would not otherwise have been available to the participating congregations. In addition to developing a sense of pride and ownership among Chattanooga Jewish families, the program has cultivated a sense of dedication to the community. New friendships have formed among both children and

adults, greater emphasis has been placed on family education, and commitment to lifelong Jewish learning has been enhanced.

The Council of Jewish Federations, whose National Committee on Small Federations established the Goodall Award in honor of its founding chairman, Charles Goodall, is the continental association of 189 Jewish Federations, the central community organizations which serve nearly 800 localities embracing a Jewish population of more than 6.1 million in the United States and Canada.

Established in 1932, CJF helps strengthen the work and the impact of Jewish Federations by developing programs to meet changing needs, providing an exchange of successful community experiences, establishing guidelines for fund raising and operations and engaging in joint planning and action on common purposes dealing with local, regional and international needs.





# BOOKS

## The Controversy of Zion

by Geoffrey Wheatcroft

Addison-Wesley 384 pp. \$25

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

In *The Controversy of Zion*, subtitled "Jewish Nationalism, the Jewish State, and the Unresolved Jewish Dilemma," that fairly describes his purpose, this British author declares his aim of the book. He did not attempt to write a history of Jews, anti-Semitism, Zionism, or of Israel. Rather, this is an "examination of the debates provoked by the Jewish question and Zionism."

However, it is a detailed history of Zionism with sketches of all of its leaders. Of necessity, the last century's Jewish history is also included. The author is not Jewish, and proclaims himself to be completely neutral. He has written about Zionism, and little of the Palestinian problem. Interestingly, he views the effects of the Jewish state on Jews everywhere.

After the year 70 C.E., he points out, Jewish history was made for Jews by others. He declares himself an agnostic, and he hopes for a peaceful resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian situation, which he guesses may continue for another century.

Zionism was born in the age of imperialism and nationalism, but that was not to say that the idea of nationalism would not arise in areas unaffected by it previously. One Zionist who had unusual perception

and foresight was Asher Zvi Ginsburg, born in Russian Ukraine in 1856. Losing his faith as he matured and studied, he moved to Odessa and became a journalist and pamphleteer. He lived in London from 1907 till 1921, then moved to Palestine, and was, in sense of residence, a true Zionist.

Asher Zvi Ginsburg had changed his name to Ahad Ha-am (one of the people), and by this name has been remembered. Although he longed for Jewish renewal, he was critical of the prevailing views of Zionists. He saw the benefits of the idea of a Jewish State even to Jews in the Diaspora. He believed that the majority of those would not and could not be settled there.

Unlike others in the Zionist movements, he realized the problems that would exist from the geographical location, and that there also existed "an Arab question." The latter was deliberately overlooked by Herzl and other visionaries. He wrote, "We tend to believe abroad that all Arabs are desert barbarians, an ancient people which does not see or understand what is going on around them. This is a cardinal mistake. The Arab, like all Semites, has a sharp mind and is full of cunning. . ." He continued to say that the Arabs would pretend not to notice as long as they saw no danger, but when they would feel pushed aside, they would not give up easily. They did not.

Ahad Ha-Am insisted that the local population be treated "with love and respect, justly and rightly," and observed that this was not happening. Although he had influence among eastern European intelligentsia, elsewhere he gained little credence.

The American Jews are treated with understanding towards the close of this book, as Wheatcroft recognizes their present position in American society. Writing of their success, and although to a somewhat lesser extent, of the improved quality of their lives in western Europe and Britain, he perceives and analyzes the relationship between the Jews of Israel and those of the Diaspora at the present time, their differences in attitudes and allegiance.

Controversy is in the book's Title, and controversy it is bound to provoke in its readers, but reading the views of one who sincerely believes himself to be unbiased is necessary, if one wishes to form a fair perspective. Such a position is not easy to assume, but extracting oneself from a personal center and looking in from the outside helps to remove emotion, while yet remaining faithful to our own side.

Geoffrey Wheatcroft is the former literary editor of *The Spectator* (London) and the author of *The Randlords: The Exploits and Exploitation of South Africa's Mining Magnates*. He is a frequent contributor to *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Guardian*. He lives in Bath, England.



## In Search of Sugihara

by Hillel Levine

Free Press 323 pp. \$25

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

In Hillel Levine's account of his research on the life of Chiune Sugihara and his motivation in saving Jewish lives, we are given a bit of Japanese history. We are reminded of the Russo-Japanese War, an event less than familiar to most of us. We are also reminded of the frightening years of Japanese expansion in Asia and the cruelties thereby inflicted on people of Manchuria, Korea and others.

Sugihara was a Japanese official in more than one capacity. His contacts with Jews were few until his schooling in Harbin, China, to which many Jews had fled from Russia after World War I. At most, 13,000 Jews lived there, but dwindled to 5,000 when the city became a Russian colony. Sugihara was active in the Japanese military and in the foreign ministry. Assigned to a post in Moscow, he became fluent in the Russian language and his first wife was Russian. Competition for land between Russia and Japan was strong. In 1931 Sugihara was diplomat, spy and bureaucrat. Japan's goal was to take all of Asia and to be the greatest of all empires.

Germany's problem with Jews was something Japan never did understand very well, and only sometimes complied with German efforts to cause the Japanese government to boycott and refuse to shelter Jews. There was an idea that it could be shown that Japan was more civilized than the western world in its tolerance of foreigners.

In his post in Vilna, Lithuania, where Polish Jews sought refuge after the Nazi invasion, Sugihara issued travel visas as fast as he could, enabling

thousands of Jews to escape. At that time he was married to his second wife, a Japanese woman, and they had two young children. He was a representative of the pro-Nazi faction in Europe, but could not join in the program to make Europe Judenrein.

*In Search of Sugihara* is filled with questions about his motives, but though Hillel Levine traveled the world to find the answers, there is little to satisfy our curiosity. His acts were morally courageous, putting himself and his family at great risk. After the Soviet invasion of Lithuania and Sugihara's recall to Japan, he did, in fact, suffer demotion and financial ruin. There remains the question of his means of success in his merciful actions and whether he was helped by other Japanese authorities, or if they merely chose to overlook what he was doing.

Hillel Levine is a professor of Sociology and Religion. He was ordained a rabbi at the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1969, and he holds a Ph.D. in Sociology and Jewish History from Harvard. . . He has taught at Harvard, Yale, Tokyo University and the Hebrew University. He directed preliminary planning of the Holocaust Museum in Washington. He also taught and conducted research on Jewish history at the Jagiellonian University in Cracow and the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw. In 1988 he was appointed an exchange scholar by the U.S. Dept. of State to the Chinese Academy of Science in Beijing.

## Honest to Jesus

by Robert W. Funk

Harper Collins 320 pp. \$24.00

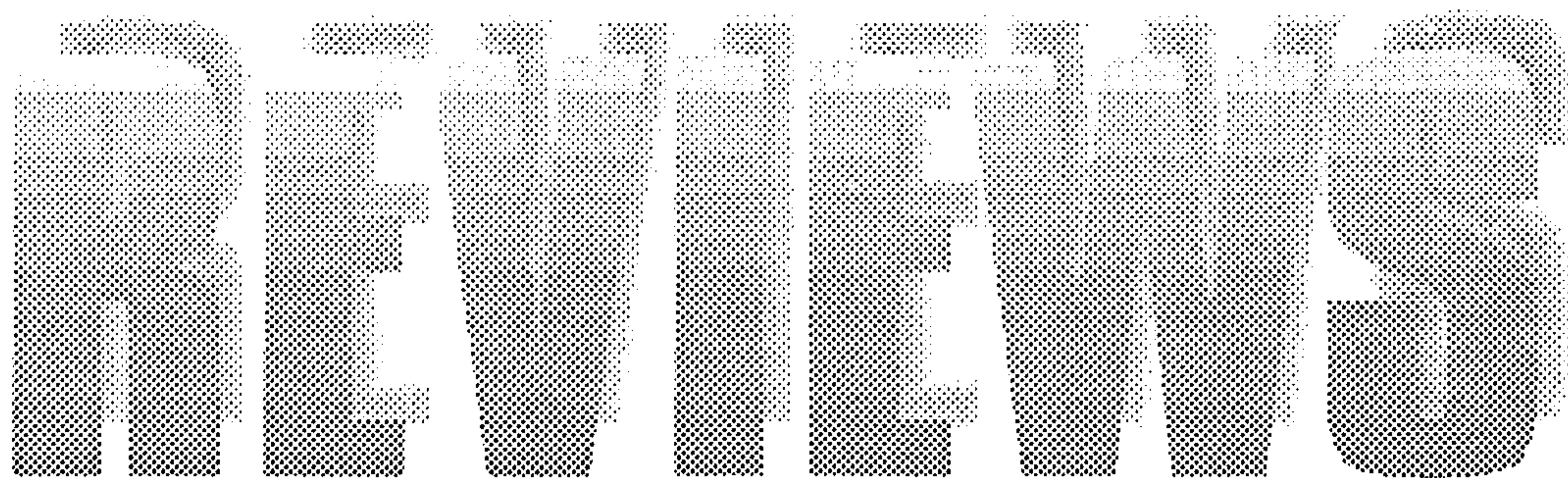
Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Robert Funk states that mainline Christian churches are losing members by the millions, and he believes he knows the reason and that a new Christianity is needed. The reason, according to him, is that many people cannot accept the traditional myth without new interpretations.

He founded the Jesus Seminar, a group of more than 200 scholars who meet in an attempt to establish what is authentic in the Gospels. There is so much work in this area at present, that it seems the movement may really advance. Mainline churches both Roman Catholic and Protestant are stressing the Jewishness of Jesus and teaching the history of the time and civilization in which he lived.

These scholars do not argue with faith. They are trying to show that God does not do illogical things, and that the Gospels were written in a time that was fraught with controversy and animosity amidst political strife. Encouraged by desperation, mysticism was popular, and the stage was set for the pronouncement of miracles.

This author does not claim to have all the answers. He admits "Human knowledge is finite," and someone will come along to correct our mistakes. This is indisputable.





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## AJCommittee Sponsors 4th Annual Undergraduate Essay Contest:

### What Being Jewish Means to Me

In an effort to encourage thoughtful and creative expression on topics of concern to the Jewish people, the American Jewish Committee, in cooperation with Hillel Foundations, is sponsoring its fourth annual college essay contest on the topic *"What Being Jewish Means To Me."*

The contest is open to all undergraduates currently enrolled full-time at accredited institutions of higher learning. Entries may be submitted in the form of essays up to 3,000 words, or may employ other forms of expression including, but not limited to, video, fiction, poetry, drama, painting, or sculpture. The winner will receive a cash award of \$2,500. Funding for this program is provided by the Susan and Jack Lapin Fund for Jewish Continuity.

All entries must be postmarked by Friday, March 14, 1997, accompanied by a brief biographical sketch of the entrant, school name and permanent address and phone number. Written entries must be typed and double-spaced. Entries will be reviewed by a distinguished panel of judges, and the winner will be featured at AJC's Annual Meeting in Washington DC, in May 1997. Winning entries may also be included in an upcoming AJC publication.

Send entries to: The American Jewish Committee, Department JCAD-Essay, 165 56th Street, New York, NY 10022, or e-mail to: 102336.631@compuserve.com. Telephone inquiries may be made by calling (212) 751-4000, ext. 267.

This will be the third year that AJC's essay contest is on the topic *"What Being Jewish Means To Me."* Last Year's topic

examined the meaning of the Rabin assassination on Jewish unity and peoplehood. To date, the American Jewish Committee has sponsored a series of nineteen advertisements in *The New York Times*, and in community newspapers, magazines and college newspapers across the country—also entitled *"What Being Jewish Means To Me"*—in which prominent individuals in politics, academia, sports, law and business explain the importance of Judaism in their personal and professional lives. The most recent ad, featuring actor Leonard Nimoy ran in *The New York Times* on Sunday, December 22. Other participants in the series have included Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Connecticut Senator Joseph Lieberman, astronaut Jeffrey Hoffman, former NFL player Alan Veingrad, Dartmouth College president James O. Freedman, and Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel.

Both projects are part of AJC's ongoing commitment to strengthening Jewish identity among a younger generation of American Jews. Dr. Steven Bayme, director of AJC's Jewish Communal Affairs Department, commented: "AJC's 'Why Be Jewish' initiative encompasses a broad range of programs. Through seminars on Judaic literacy, scholarly conferences on Jewish unity and peoplehood, workshops on Jewish identity, public service messages, publications, and this national essay contest, we are trying to communicate the salience of leading a Jewish life in the 20th century and beyond. We are looking forward to hearing what students have to contribute on these critical topics."



# Potential Weight-Loss Drug May Be Linked To Adult Diabetes

Leptin, the protein that made headlines two years ago when it was found to reduce obesity in mice, may be a cause of adult-onset diabetes in humans, according to a new Weizmann Institute of Science study.

The study, to be published in the November 15 edition of *Science* (Vol. 274, pp. 1185-1188), found that high levels of leptin disrupt some of the activities in insulin, the hormone that controls blood sugar levels. Since obese humans unlike the genetically obese mice that received so much publicity are known to have high leptin levels in their blood, this finding may explain why overweight people have a tendency to develop adult-onset, or Type II, diabetes. It may also point the way towards developing new treatments for Type II diabetes, which is the most common form of diabetes and mostly strikes overweight people over the age of 40.

Moreover, this research suggests that if leptin is developed into a weight-loss drug in the future, it should be used with caution because it may cause the user to develop diabetes-related symptoms.

"We know that overweight people have higher levels of leptin. We also know that these people have a tendency towards adult-onset diabetes, and that no one is sure

exactly what causes this type of diabetes," said research head Prof. Menachem Rubinstein, of the Molecular Genetics Department.

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"We have now shown that excessive leptin leads to reduced activity by insulin. All the evidence now points to the probability that excessive leptin may be one of the causes of Type II diabetes, although it is probably not the only cause. More studies are needed to examine the link between excess leptin and diabetes, and to determine whether anything can be done about it."

Leptin, a protein produced in fat cells, raises body temperature and lowers food intake. It was first identified in 1994 by scientists who found that it was absent in genetically obese mice, and that daily leptin injections caused the animals to eat less and to lose weight. This research generated great hopes for leptin's development as a weight-reduction drug for human consumption.



However, further studies introduced a cautionary note, finding that injecting leptin works mainly on obese mice with a genetic defect that results in an absence of leptin. Genetically normal obese mice as well as obese humans actually have excess leptin levels. (So far, no humans are known to have a genetically caused absence of leptin.)

Rubinstein's study now sounds a further warning and points to a new avenue of research that will investigate the connection between leptin and adult-onset diabetes. In this form of diabetes, insulin production is usually normal but blood sugar levels are not under proper control.

### Balancing blood sugar levels

Insulin keeps blood sugar levels balanced in several ways: when glucose from a meal enters the bloodstream, insulin ensures it is converted into glycogen and fat, stored for later use. Insulin also ensures that the stored fat is not released and turned back into glucose, a process known as gluconeogenesis, until it is needed. This double-valve process is a finely tuned balancing act that goes on minute by minute, ensuring that cells get a constant amount of energy and that blood sugar levels are not subject to wild fluctuations.

Working with cells derived from human liver and using a quantity of leptin similar to that present in the blood of obese individuals, Rubinstein and colleagues Dr. Batya Cohen and Dr. Daniela Novick found that while leptin does not

affect insulin's first function, it does significantly suppress its ability to slow down gluconeogenesis, a process which, in the body, would cause raised blood sugar levels.

### How leptin affects insulin

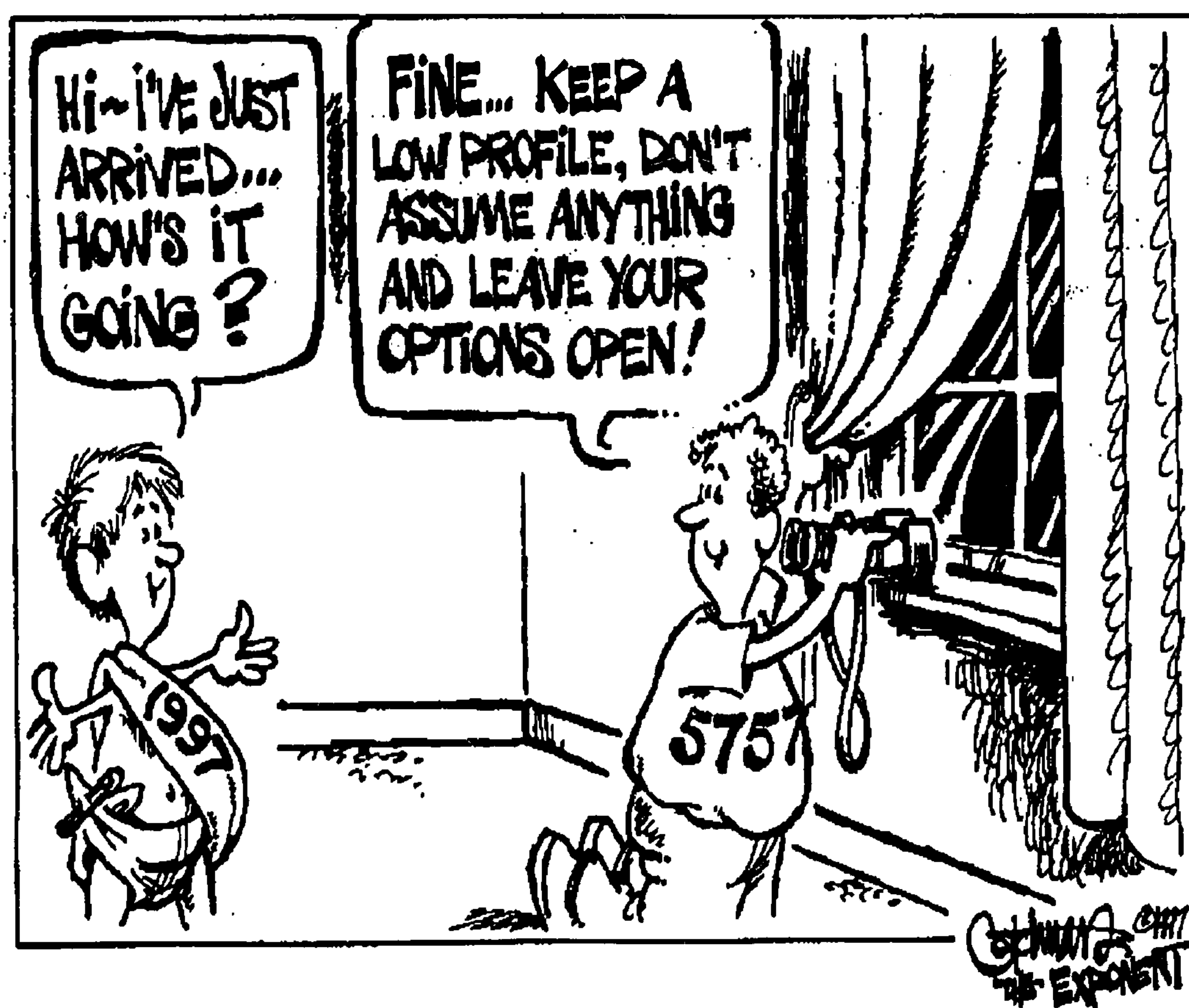
Leptin, insulin and other "messenger" proteins act by binding with specific receptors on a cell's membrane, rather like a ship docking, setting off a cascade of processes inside the cell. Leptin's main receptor is in the brain's hypothalamus region, but there are also leptin receptors in the liver, heart, lungs and many other organs, and their workings had not been studied.

Rubinstein's team focused on the leptin receptor in the liver, and found that when leptin binds to liver cells, the resulting cascade affects a key protein involved in insulin's own cascade, the insulin receptor substrate 1 (IRS-1), stopping it from

becoming phosphorylated (the process in which phosphate molecules attach to the protein). This failure caused several processes to take place, the net effect of which was that a much greater amount of gluconeogenesis took place.

Prof. Rubinstein holds the Maurice and Edna Weiss Chair of Cytokines Research.

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# Blumenthal Jewish Home

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**February Issue**



*Audrey Madans, President of the BJH Board of Trustees with Seth Levy, Executive Director of the Home, at the Annual Meeting.*

## Audrey Madans re-elected President of BJH Board of Trustees

**The present officers of the Board of Trustees who were re-elected to serve on the Executive Committee are**

*Al Herman, President Elect, Eric Handler, First Vice President and Michael Schifftan, Treasurer, from Greensboro, NC, David Plyler, Secretary from Kernersville, NC and Ron Weiner, Second Vice President from Charlotte, NC. Lewis Eisenstadt of Greenville, SC serves as the Immediate Past-President.*

Audrey Madans of Charlotte, NC was reelected to serve a third term as President of the Board of Trustees at the 31st Annual Meeting of the Home on Sunday October 27th. Members, supporters, friends and family members of the Home from across the Carolinas gathered at the meeting held at the Home in Clemmons. Addressing the audience Mrs. Madans spoke with continued enthusiasm, concern and vision for the Home's future. "One year as president was a learning experience. After two years I felt a renewed sense of purpose. Now, under most unusual circumstances, I am going to serve a third term. Needless to say, we have all been very concerned for Al Herman and we all wish him a very speedy and complete recovery so that he can take his well-deserved place as president of the Home next year. The executive committee has agreed to keep the present officers in place one more year so they can work together to continue our commitment to BJH, and I look forward to working with them so that we can remain true to our mission... to provide the finest nursing facility and services possible for our elderly residents and to provide a caring environment based on tzedakah and traditional Jewish values and ethics that respect the dignity of the individual. I thank you for your confidence in me and in the Board."

Newly elected members to the Board of Trustees are: *Shelton Gorelick of Charlotte, Ron Green, Eric Handler and Howard Silverstein of Greensboro and David Rosenblutt of High Point who were elected for three year terms and David Moff of Greensboro, elected to a two year term. Presidential Appointees to the Board for 1996-1997 are Dr. Linda Combs of Winston-Salem and Bert Lynch of Greensboro. Florence Jaffa*

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above: Fair Oaks residents enjoy ringing in the New Year with a celebration: seen from the left are: Saul Gottlieb, Robert Morrison, Pauline Moskowitz, Sally Waldman, Irene Mendelson, Bea Goodman and Sally's daughter Laura Milgrim.



above right: The Society Swing Band continues a popular tradition as they entertain at the BJH New Year's Celebration.

## A Musical New Year's Celebration Honors the Memory of Leon Blaustein

*Continued from page 26 -Audrey Madans*

of Charlotte will serve as the representative of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men for 1996-1997. Rabbi Marla Subeck of Winston-Salem will serve as the Rabbinical Representative to the Board. Community Representatives appointed to serve on the Board for 1996-1997, at the present time, are: Martin Lakin representing Durham- Chapel Hill, Mimi Levin, Greensboro, William Lewin, Asheville, Jerry Oxer, Hendersonville, Joel Schur, Fayetteville, Stephen Shane, Columbia and Alan Weinberg, Greenville.

Look for the Blumenthal Jewish Home Annual Report in the March issue of the Times Outlook for additional information covering the Home and the 31st Annual Meeting.

The New Year's Eve celebration at BJH was a true toe-tapping, hand clapping, swinging and swaying musical affair. It was the perfect way to say goodbye to the old year, hello to the new year and to pay tribute to the memory of a man known for his love of music and dancing. Thanks to a generous donation by Blanche Blaustein of Wilmington, NC in memory of her husband Leon, the residents were treated to a musical New Year's Eve celebration featuring the ever popular Society Swing Band. In choosing to bring this musical afternoon to the residents, Mrs. Blaustein paid tribute to her husband, who passed away July 29, 1996, and to the many happy years they spent dancing together. Married for 54 years, Blanche and Leon had enjoyed dancing together for 63 years and, according to Mrs. Blaustein, had established quite a reputation as ballroom dancers over the years.

The Blausteins were long time members of the North Carolina

Association of Jewish Women and Men. Mr. Blaustein had traveled with and assisted I.D. Blumenthal in fundraising for the Home. An active member of the Jewish Community Leon Blaustein was a past President of the B'nai Brith Fifth District and served as President of the B'nai Israel Congregation in Wilmington, NC. In describing her late husband, Blanche Blaustein speaks with loving praise of both his dancing ability and the role he played in the community; she writes "He was well accepted as a person, as a Jew and as a member of his community".

Thanks to Blanche Blaustein, Leon Blaustein's spirit was certainly felt at the Blumenthal Jewish Home on New Year's Eve. Many residents enjoyed dancing with volunteers and staff and everyone enjoyed watching and listening to this superb swing band. BJH thanks Blanche Blaustein for sharing her wonderful memories of her husband Leon with our residents by providing this heartfelt celebration.



# Sue's News

## Governor Hunt Honors BJH Volunteers

For the past eight years the members of the West Forsyth High School Anchor Club have bridged the generation gap by volunteering at the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Their efforts were recognized and applauded on November 12th when the club received the Governor's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service. Becky Cook, West Forsyth High School math teacher and club advisor, and I attended the reception and ceremony held in Greensboro along with Norma Harbin, the principal at West Forsyth High School and Anchor club members.

The Governor's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service was first awarded in 1979 as a tribute to volunteerism in North Carolina. The award recognizes both individuals, groups and businesses who make a significant contribution to their community through volunteer service. The West Forsyth Anchor Club was nominated for the Governor's Award after being nominated for and receiving the Youth Volunteer Award from the United Way of Forsyth County last spring. Nominated by the Blumenthal Jewish Home the Club received the United Way award in recognition of their service to the Home.

These awards were well deserved by the Anchor Club whose members have been visiting the residents and providing monthly activities at BJH for the past eight school years. According to Becky Cook, an inspirational advisor to the students during these years, the time the students spend at the Home can help the generations learn from each other and understand one another. BJH is proud to congratulate the Anchor Club and to thank them for sustaining opportunities for different generations to share a sense of community.



*Anchor Club members assist residents with a creative art project during a visit to the Home: pictured with the students are residents Pauline Moskowitz (above) and Beth Royce (below).*



*Anchor Club students are pictured at the Governor's Awards Ceremony with Governor and Mrs. Hunt (center), Debra Lowder, Anchor Club President, second from the left, and (from the right) Norma Harbin, West Forsyth High School Principal and Becky Cook, Anchor Club advisor.*



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## Candles Glow

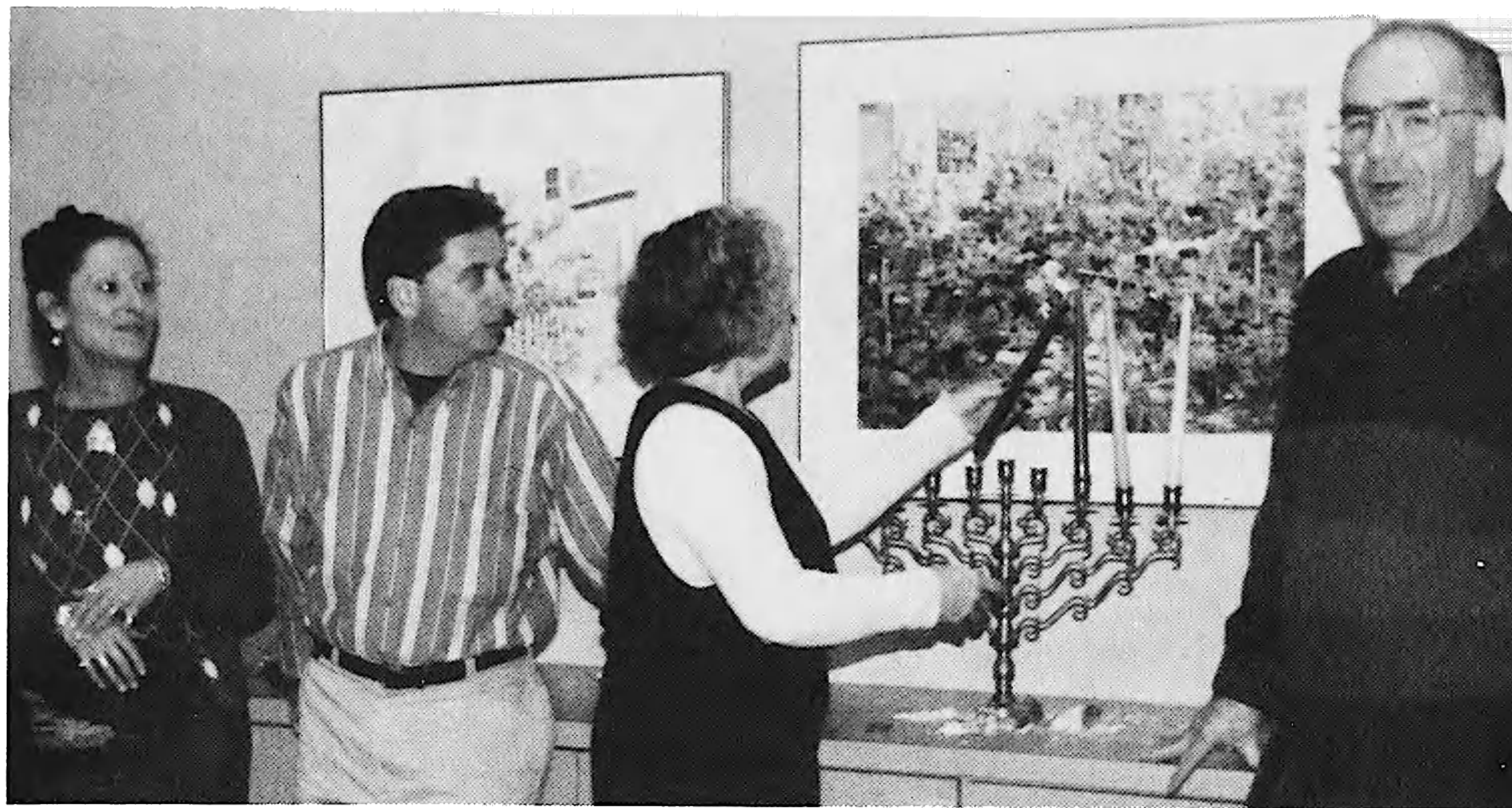
Rabbi Marla Subeck of Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem conducted a moving Rabbi's Hour program on the fourth day of Chanukah. Rabbi Subeck visited each wing of the Home treating residents to Chanukah stories, songs and discussion. On the sixth night Rabbi Subeck returned to kindle the menorahs and lighten the heart with Chanukah wishes and wisdom.



Rabbi Marla Subeck from Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem lights the menorahs on the sixth night.



Dr. Andrew Ettin, Religious Director at BJH, lights the A-wing menorah on the second night.



Chanukah volunteers from Greensboro sing the blessings and light the menorah in the Fair Oaks dining room; seen from the left are: Marilyn and Neil Belenky and Irma and Joe Moss.



Winston-Salem BBYO Advisor, Kathy Burton, lights the menorah in B-wing along with BBYO members who will sing Chanukah songs. Seen from the left are: Rebecca Levy, Lauren Palefsky, Yael Ascher, Emily Wasserman and Robyn Block; Co-advisor Lenny Cohen is on the back row.

The eight nights of Chanukah were bright at BJH as menorahs were kindled in each dining room before dinner and volunteer candle lighters shared blessings, songs and good wishes with the residents. We are thankful for our Chanukah strollers who traveled through the halls of BJH bringing their bright touch to the holiday. Residents enjoyed visits by Edie Sulzberg, her daughter Michelle and Michelle's nine week old twins Amanda and Matthew. These first nighters literally strolled the halls adding their own special sounds to the traditional blessings. BJH Religious Director, Andrew Ettin, lit the candles on the second night and doubled the blessings with Shabbat kiddush, motzi and good spirit. Traveling all the way from Greensboro on the third night, volunteers Marilyn and Neil Belenky and Irma and Joe Moss spread their good cheer throughout the Home as they travelled the BJH halls. Members of the Winston-Salem BBYO and their advisors, Kathie Burton and Lenny Cohen, were our Chanukah visitors for the fourth night while Seth Levy, our Executive Director, did the honors on the fifth night. Completing the festive week of light were visits by Rabbi Subeck on the sixth night, Jean and Sarah Fromson on the seventh night and Gail Citron and her daughter Judy Breakstone with son Ben on the eighth night. Fourteen month old Ben Breakstone was right at home continuing a tradition begun last year as he celebrated his second Chanukah at BJH. Thanks to all our volunteers for a week filled with visitors who gave from their heart to keep our home festive and bright.



## SPECIAL HOLIDAY MOMENTS

### WELCOME

May you have a long, happy,  
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Jeannette Freund  
Tamarac FL  
Louise Laudenklos  
Winston-Salem NC  
Charles Schwartz  
Merritt Island FL  
Ravea Schwartz  
Merritt Island FL

Gail Citron with  
her daughter Judy  
Breakstone and  
grandson Ben  
Breakstone  
continue a  
tradition and light  
the menorahs on  
the eighth night of  
Chanukah.



Edie Sulzberg, BJH part-time pharmacist, along  
with her daughter Michelle and Michelle's twins  
Amanda and Matthew do the honors of lighting  
the menorahs on the first night of Chanukah.



Students in the Children's Choir from Temple Beth El in Charlotte  
chat with residents after performing.

B-wing residents enjoy  
delicious potato latkes  
right off the griddle,  
prepared by Recreation  
Therapist Afreida  
Roach for the  
Chanukah party. Seen  
from the left are: Eva  
Weinberg, Sarah Feen  
and Bessie Schwartz.



Members of Temple Beth El's Children's Choir turn  
into dreidels as they present an uplifting musical  
program for Chanukah.



## Millie's Musings

If you have strolled down the corridors of the Blumenthal Jewish Home lately, there is a good chance that you might have seen our new Kard Kart, to be specific, Kelley's Kard Kart. Kelley Kaiser, a resident of Greensboro, NC and a member of Beth David Synagogue, came to us as a volunteer with a definite plan in mind. Each week Kelley visits a different wing of the Home, dispensing smiles, conversation and greeting cards to the residents and birthday gifts to those who are celebrating a birthday that month.

A former resident of St. Louis, Kelley is continuing a mitzvah she undertook while living there. Along with other commitments, Kelley became involved volunteering in nursing homes and in the Veterans Administration Hospital in St. Louis. According to Kelley, her work came from a desire to "pay attention to the residents" and help them realize their importance. We welcome Kelley and her Kard Kart to BJH and look forward to many more visits.

## Volunteers give of themselves to help others!



*Left: Kelley Kaiser, a new volunteer from Greensboro, brings cheerful greetings and gifts of cards as she visits residents in the Fair Oaks living room.*

*Below left: Irma Moss wishes Irene Mendelson a happy Chanukah as she visits throughout the Home.*

*Below right: Volunteers greet the BJH bus at the Hanes Mall shopping trip; seen from the left are: Howard Friedenson, Catherine Smith, Frances Brenner, Lorna Beck, Nancy Allen( back row), Lydia Thabet, Millie Slatkoff, Joanne Graham and Leonard Clein.*

## WHAT CAN YOU DO AS A VOLUNTEER IN '97?

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☆	ONCE A YEAR	<i>Entertain for a program or birthday party</i> <i>Assist at a special event</i>
☆	AS OFTEN AS YOU LIKE	<i>Be a friendly visitor</i> <i>Adopt a grandparent</i>

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## Calendar Highlights February

- 2. Sundays Sweets, with Sisterhood Temple Emanuel, Upper Commons 2:30 p.m.
- 4. Monthly Birthday Party, with Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
- 7. Catholic Mass, With Holy Family, Friendship Room, 10:00 a.m.
- 9. Brenner Concert, Commons Auditorium, 2:30 p.m.
- 11. Senior Citizens Luncheon, 10:00 a.m.
- 11. Residents Council Meeting, B-1 Dinning room, 2:00 p.m.
- 14. General Store, Mansion Library, 10:00 a.m.
- 14. Valentines Party, Commons Auditorium, 2:30 p.m.
- 20. Leave for Greensboro Starmount Country Club, Fair Oaks Lobby, 10:30 a.m.
- 21. Leave for Hanes Mall Shopping, 9:30 a.m.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### FEBRUARY

Yetta Besnoy  
 Ida Feinberg  
 Hilda Gilbert  
 Miriam Gingold  
 Sadye Linial  
 Josephine Miller  
 Pauline Moskowitz  
 Alise Panders  
 Vesta Puckett  
 Garie Royse  
 Amelia Santillo  
 Ravea Schwartz  
 Beatrice Woosley

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to spend time with her children in the afternoon and evening and to be involved in their school activities. Anita, her husband Rickey and their family are enjoying their new home in Mocksville, NC.

Surprised and pleased to be chosen Employee of the quarter, Anita said "This is the only nursing home I ever wanted to work at;...I just try to do the best at whatever I do, I'm told I am kind of a perfectionist." Blumenthal Jewish Home congratulates Anita Harrison, a most deserving recipient of this award.



*BJH resident Florence Blumenstein enjoys a shopping trip and lunch with her volunteer Rebecca Schwartz at Hanes Mall.*

**IN MEMORY OF**  
 We mourn the loss of:

Murray Glanstin  
 Freda Hurwitz  
 Annie Hutchins

*May their cherished  
 memory bring comfort  
 to his loved ones.*

**BJH**  
*Chai-lights Editor*  
**Sue Klein**



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in

### FEBRUARY

#### 19 years

Ruth Howell, Dietary

#### 10 years

June Ireland, CNA B-1

#### 7 years

Judy Morris, Unit Manager A-wing

#### 5 years

Faye Simmons, Laundry

#### 3 years

Betty Frost, LPN A-wing

Seth Levy, Executive Vice President

#### 2 years

Dawn Holder, Housekeeping

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#### 1 year

Ilene Staley, CNA B-2

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## Visit The Holocaust Memorial Center on the Internet

The Holocaust Memorial Center (HMC), the first freestanding Holocaust museum in the United States, now has a home page on the World Wide Web. Visit the HMC's site at <http://holocaustcenter.org> to access timely information about the museum and its programs and activities. The museum's e-mail address is [info@holocaustcenter.org](mailto:info@holocaustcenter.org).

The HMC's World Wide Web site is an interactive, user-friendly source for a broad range of information, including museum exhibits, lectures and events, and other Holocaust-related educational institutions and community activities. It also provides on-line access to the museum's book shop, presents valuable research

information on various Holocaust topics, and allows visitors to the site to make donations or membership payments on-line with their credit cards (encryption is used to protect sensitive information).

The Holocaust Memorial Center's site, developed by the Online Marketing Company of Southfield, Michigan, features photographic images of the museum's exhibits. Information about the landmark museum, its history, purpose, and functions, is also provided.

**NOTE: If your organization has a Web site, the Holocaust Memorial Center would like to link its site with yours. Please e-mail your address to the HMC.**

## New JDC Website "Links" Jews

Jews in Minsk, Odessa, Yekaterinburg, and Tbilisi have something new in common. They can now reach out to each other across the many miles that divide them through a new JDC website which provides information about activities and resources in the FSU. At the touch of a button, hundreds of Jewish educators, librarians, social workers, rabbis and community workers will be able to exchange ideas, information, materials and resource development. Just as important, in the larger picture, this project is part of JDC's wider goal of bridging the gap between isolated pockets of Jews in the FSU by creating a "virtual" dialogue among them.

Here's how it works: a kindergarten teacher who wants to teach her children about Channuka can access the JDC FSU website from her local university or community center. There she will find

the site's Jewish calendar which offers the exact dates of the holiday in the Hebrew calendar with Russian transliteration.

From the Jewish calendar she will be able to access several links giving her a detailed description of Channuka and a list of related educational programs and resources. The calendar also offers information on all of the Jewish holidays and Shabbat, complete with candle lighting times, and the weekly Torah portion in both Hebrew and Russian. For additional information, she can write to a JDC representative in her area through an e-mail list, thus expanding her network of contacts. You can view the JDC FSU website at:

<http://www.jdc.org.il/fsu/home.html>.

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# Noted

## I Never Saw Another Butterfly by Phil Cohen

Bevill Community Theater from Hamilton, Alabama will present the Holocaust drama, *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* by Celeste Raspanti on Saturday, February 22, 1997 at 8 PM and Sunday February 23 at 9 AM. Both shows will be at the Green Door Theater, 49 Broadway, Asheville.

The play is based on the actual poetry and drawings of the children of the Terezin, Czechoslovakia concentration camp which was a transport station to the death camps of Auschwitz. Over 15,000 children under the age of 15 passed through Terezin. When Terezin was liberated in May of 1945 about 100 children were alive.

Bevill Community Theater received technical assistance from the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Tampa Bay Holocaust Memorial Museum and Educational Center. Brochures and resources concerning the do's and don'ts of Holocaust education will be made available to those attending the performance. J. Gregg Thomas is the artistic director of Bevill Community Theater and

also teaches theatre, philosophy, religion and speech at Bevill State Community College in Hamilton, Alabama. He is a 1983 theatre arts graduate of Warren Wilson College. On Friday, February 21 an evening production will take place at Warren Wilson College.

The production has been on tour since May of 1996 and will continue through May of 1997. The show has already played in Hamilton, Sumiton, Tuscaloosa and twice in Birmingham, Alabama. The production was entered into state community theater competition in connection with the American

Association of Community Theatres and received a trophy for runner-up.

The company hails from a small town in rural northwest Alabama and is the only non professional community based theatre associated with a two year postsecondary institution in the state of Alabama.

The Sunday morning performance at the Green Door has been organized for the Jewish community and arrangements have been made for the attendance of youngsters from both religious schools, Hebrew High School and youth groups for the one hour production. Adults are welcome for either the Saturday night or Sunday morning performance.

*For further information contact the Green Door at 258-9206 or Phil Cohen at 255-7700.*







**Temple Beth El**  
Charlotte NC  
by Susan Kramer

**Lunch'N Learn**, a noontime Bible Study for busy people will meet at 12:00 PM on **February 10** at the offices of Lyons Financial Group, 5950 Fairview Road, Suite 400. This is a drop-in group—no reservations required. Bring your lunch.

**2nd Mondays** will meet at Temple on **February 10** at 7:30 PM.

**Rosh Chodesh**, a peer-led worship and study women's group, will celebrate Rosh Chodesh Shevat on **February 6** at 7:30 PM.

The **Service of Healing** will be held at Temple Beth El on **February 24** at 5:30 PM.

**Tot Shabbat** will be celebrated at Temple Beth El on Saturday, **February 15** at 9:15 AM.

Attention Seniors! Join Rabbi Bennett on **February 24** at 12:00 PM for the monthly **Senior Seminar**, a lunchtime educational forum. Bring your own lunch—the Temple will provide drinks.

**Mazel Tov** to the following on becoming **B'nai Mitzvah** on December, January & February at Temple Beth El:

**Jenny Minchew**, daughter of Jo and Ed Minchew, on 12/ 6/96.  
**Linda MacDonald** on 12/ 20/96  
**Marie Kennell**, daughter of Brenda and Rich Kennell, on 12/21/96.  
**Jori Cohen**, daughter of Howard and Laurie Cohen, 12/ 28/96.  
**Marcie Mavreles**, daughter of Susan and Leo Mavreles, 1/11/97.  
**Albert Livchin**, son of Eugene and Sima Livchin, 1/ 18,97.

**Mazel Tov** to: Eric Ziegler and Elizabeth Daves on their engagement. Eric is the son of Barbara and Herm Ziegler and is presently completing his Doctorate in Medieval Irish History at the University of Washington in Seattle. Neal and Nancy Solomon on the birth of a son, Nathaniel Pierce, on October 22, 1996.

**Mazel Tov** to:  
**Robin and Adam Garfinkle** on the birth of a son, **Nikolas Wolfe**, on November 8.  
**Julie and Allen Cassell** on the birth of a daughter, **Cory Rachel**, on October 15.

Welcome to the following **new members** of Temple Beth El: Thor and Bonnie Borresen, Jerold and Amanda Gitlitz, Scott and Patty Greenapple, Martin and Patricia Gross, Richard and Pauline Herskowitz, Helen Lazar, Ann Sonenfeld.

**Regular Monthly Meetings at Temple Beth El**

*February 3*  
*Board of Directors 7:30 PM*  
*February 4*  
*Brotherhood Board Mtg. 7:30 PM*

*February 6*  
*Religious School Board 7:30 PM*  
*February 6*  
*Rosh Chodesh 7:30 PM*  
*February 9*  
*LIBERTY Board Meeting 2:00 PM*  
*February 10*  
*2nd Mondays 7:30 PM*  
*February 13*  
*Choir Practice 7:30 PM*  
*February 24*  
*High School Board 8:00 PM*  
*February 26*  
*Social Action Committee Mtg 7:30 PM*  
*February 20*  
*Choir Practice 7:30 PM*

**A Taste of Judaism: Are You Curious?**

The Interfaith and Outreach Committee of Temple Beth El is sponsoring a special series to run as part of Second Mondays in January, February and March. It is a highly acclaimed national program for "beginners" called "A Taste of Judaism: Are you Curious?"

Temple Beth El offered the series last spring after receiving a grant from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations' Reform Jewish Outreach to bring it to Charlotte for the first time. The purpose of the program was to invite members of the general community to learn about Jewish perspectives on spirituality, values and community. The series was a great success—over 70 people attended each meeting. Those included Jews who had little or no connection to synagogue life and wanted to find their way back to Judaism; Christians who wanted to explore their roots; African-Americans who wanted to fight anti-Semitism; and interfaith couples trying to increase understanding and find a connection to a faith community.

In January, "A Taste of Judaism" is open to members of Temple Beth El, with a special invitation going out to



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## Chanukah

On Monday evening, December 9, members of Temple Israel's Youth Choir and Religious School, along with some other congregants, as well as our professional staff, performed Chanukah songs and lit the menorah in the Nation's Bank Overstreet Mall.

If you are interested in participating in any of these activities or need more information, please contact the Temple office at (704) 362-2796.



## Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

### THE HEBREW PROPHETS

Our Rabbi is teaching a class at UNCA on Wednesday afternoons about the Hebrew Prophets. Classes began January 15.

### JEWISH JEOPARDY

The Adult Education and Membership Committees jointly sponsored the Jewish Jeopardy program on Saturday, January 18, beginning at 7:30 PM, with plenty of food, fun, laughs, and prizes.

### SISTERHOOD

Beth Israel and Beth Ha-Tephila Sisterhoods enjoyed a casual, informal get together lunch at Trevi on January 30.

### THE EIGHT O'CLOCK ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

On February 14, the program for the evening at the 8 o'clock service was "For the Love of Faith" (Feelings of Jews by Choice).

### "HOW THEIR HEARTS MUST HAVE TREMBLED"

The Jewish community presented a photographic and documentary exhibit telling the story of children during the Holocaust. "How Their Hearts Must Have Trembled" will be on display at the Jewish Community Center February 1 through March 9, 1997. This exhibit of fifty-six photographs and fifty-one laminated narratives very graphically and movingly shows the life and experiences of these children. There will be a number of special programs that will take place in conjunction with this exhibit. The Asheville Community Theater will be producing "The Diary of Anne Frank" weekends from February 14 through March 2, 1997.

A special benefit performance took place on Thursday, February 13, to benefit the Michael Wellisch Children's Cancer Services. Other special programs include a special viewing for major gift donors of the Jewish Federation, a luncheon program for adults, and visitation of school groups from the area.

### WOVEN YOUTH NEWS

The programs for January for the Woven Youth Group were a group dynamics program on January 8 and on January 19, a hike at the Arboretum.

At the group dynamics meetings, members learned about adult-teenager interaction and at the hiking meeting, in addition to hiking they learned about Tu B'Shevat.

### IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to Joe and Gretchen Barkowitz on the birth of Margareta (Maggie) Anna on December 26.

### MAZEL TOV!

To Marty and Barbara Kramer, on the birth of their grandson, Louis Raymond Cole, born on December 4, in New Hampshire.

### NEW ONEG COORDINATORS

After doing such a superb job on coordinating Onegs, Adele Rose and Barbara Kramer handed over the reins in scheduling Onegs and Kiddushs to Evelyn Landsberg, Chair, and Doris Abramson, Co-Chair, an equally efficient twosome.

### NEW HEBREW CLASS

The new class began on January 12. This class is for learning the Alef-Bet and after seven classes, students were able to read Hebrew. Miracle of miracles!



This class led to another class at the same time to further new abilities.

### **TORAH READING CLASS**

This special class began in January and it is fun and exciting for students to learn to chant from the Torah.

### **TU B'SHEVAT SEDER WAS HELD**

Tu B'Shevat, the Jewish New Year for Trees, was celebrated with a special Seder on Saturday, January 18, at Congregation Beth Israel, immediately following Shabbat morning services.

In the sixteenth century, the Kabbalists of Safed in Israel celebrated Tu B'Shevat with a Seder to honor all nature.

During the course of the Seder we sampled four cups of wine of varying colors, symbolizing the four different seasons of the year. Four categories of fruits were eaten, interspersed with songs, prayers, and explanations of their significance.

Phil and Carol Cohen conducted the Seder. The entire community was invited to attend and participate.

### **HADASSAH PRESENTS: TRAINING WHEELS—AL GALGALIM**

Hadassah presents yet another program, Training Wheels—Al Galgalim: Cycling Through the Jewish Year with Hadassah for Families of Children Ages 2-5. Members were invited to join for programs that enrich Jewish life. A wide variety of activities for parents, grandparents, and young children to enjoy together were incorporated.

The topics were: Tu B'Shevat, Shabbat, Purim, Passover, Israel Independence Day, and Shavuot. These programs took place once a month, from January through June.

# Organizations

## **Hillel**

### **Activities at Clemson University Clemson SC**

*by Dr. Richard Klein, Faculty Advisor*

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Student Organization of Clemson University initiated its activities for the Fall 1996 semester with an outdoor Welcome Back Bagel Brunch on Sunday, September 1. It was held at the residence of Richard and Joyce Klein. Twenty-five students participated in this event. The guest speaker was Assistant Basketball Coach Lawrence Shyatt. Coach "Shy" gave a very inspirational speech in which he stressed the need for an enhanced work ethic and the importance of being able to compete in a global economy.

On Wednesday evening, September 4, the Hillel Student Organization, in conjunction with the United Methodist Campus Ministry and Clemson University's Department of History co-sponsored a formal presentation by Retired Brigadier General Alvin Ungerleider who spoke about the U.S. Military Role in Liberating the Concentration Camps in World War II. While a Lieutenant, General Ungerleider told the audience about his personal experiences during D-Day. He gave very poignant insights into how he and his men entered Nordhausen Concentration Camp and what they found there. He led the camp survivors in Kaddish upon liberation. Currently, General Ungerleider is a volunteer with the U.S. Holocaust Museum. Over 150 people attended this moving presentation, including students enrolled in the classes of Dr.

Don McKale, a noted scholar of modern German History. General Ungerleider's visit was part of this year's Holocaust Awareness Month activities created and implemented by Reverend Ron Singleton, the Clemson Methodist Campus Minister. This past summer, Reverend Singleton visited Auschwitz and Dachau.

On October 2, the Hillel Student Organization sponsored a Dessert Social for Jewish students, faculty and staff. It was held in a large lounge on campus, and fourteen faculty and staff members attended as well as an equal number of students. The idea, initiated and implemented by Mrs. Joyce Klein, was to have some sweets to wish each other a Sweet New Year. It was a great success, and some Jewish faculty and staff met each other for the first time.

Dr. Avner Ziv, an internationally known specialist in the Psychology of Humor and the Use of Humor in Therapy and Counseling, gave a formal presentation on October 10. This event, co-sponsored by the Hillel Student Organization and Clemson University's Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourist Management, was attended by over 180 people. Dr. Ziv discussed how to use humor in reducing stress and tension. He gave examples from his native Israel. On Thursday, October 11, he gave several lectures on campus and had lunch with Jewish faculty members.



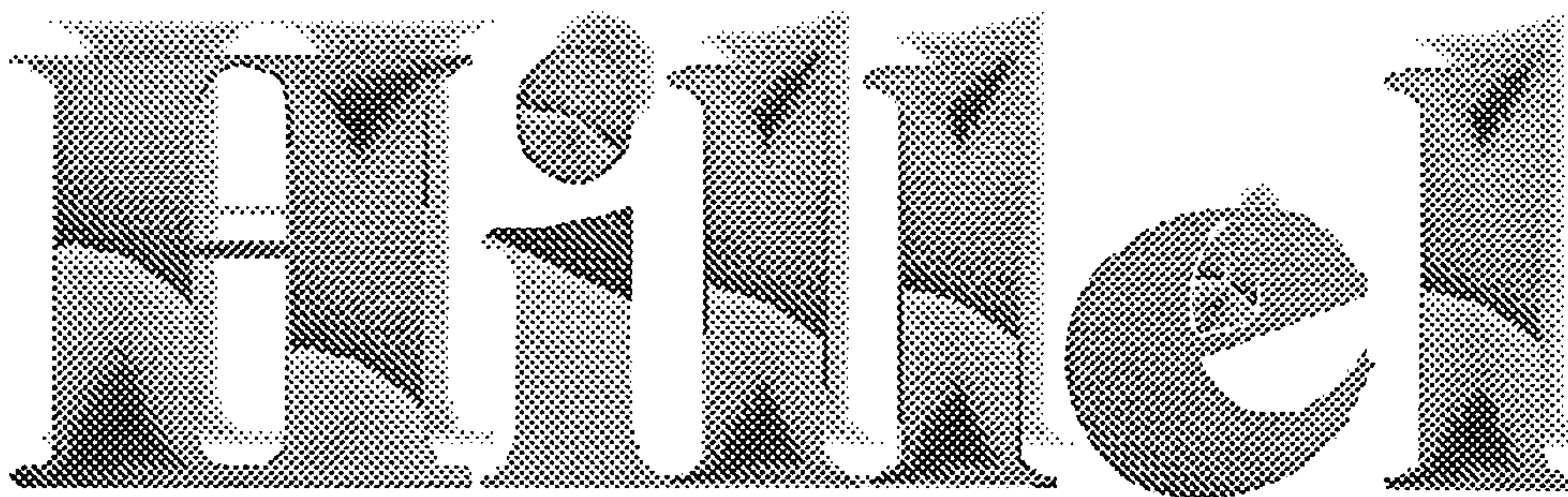
A Sundae and Movie night was held at the apartment of the Vice President for Operations, Scott Savett, November 6. The students and faculty had a

great time making ice cream sundaes with different toppings.

Israeli Consul General Arye Mekel visited Clemson's campus on Wednesday, November 13. He addressed members of both the Clemson Hillel and Clemson's Model United Nations Organization on the Middle East Peace Process. He was very forthright and insightful in his answers to questions about the peace prospects and the positions of the Likud government. A light supper was served.

On Saturday evening, December 7, Hillel students held a Chanukah Party at the apartment of Alissa Gayle, the Vice President for Social Programs. Everyone there had a wonderful time eating latkes, singing songs, exchanging gifts, and even watching a cartoon on television about Hanukkah.

Clemson Hillel students were again greatly enriched by the opportunity to



attend Sunday evening Jewish study sessions at the home of Dr. Peter Cohen, Assistant Professor of Religion at Clemson University. On September 29, the topic for discussion was "The High Holy Days—Their History, Liturgy, and Tradition." The discussion held on October 13 centered on "The Concerns Surrounding Inter-Dating on the College Campus and Inter-marriage."

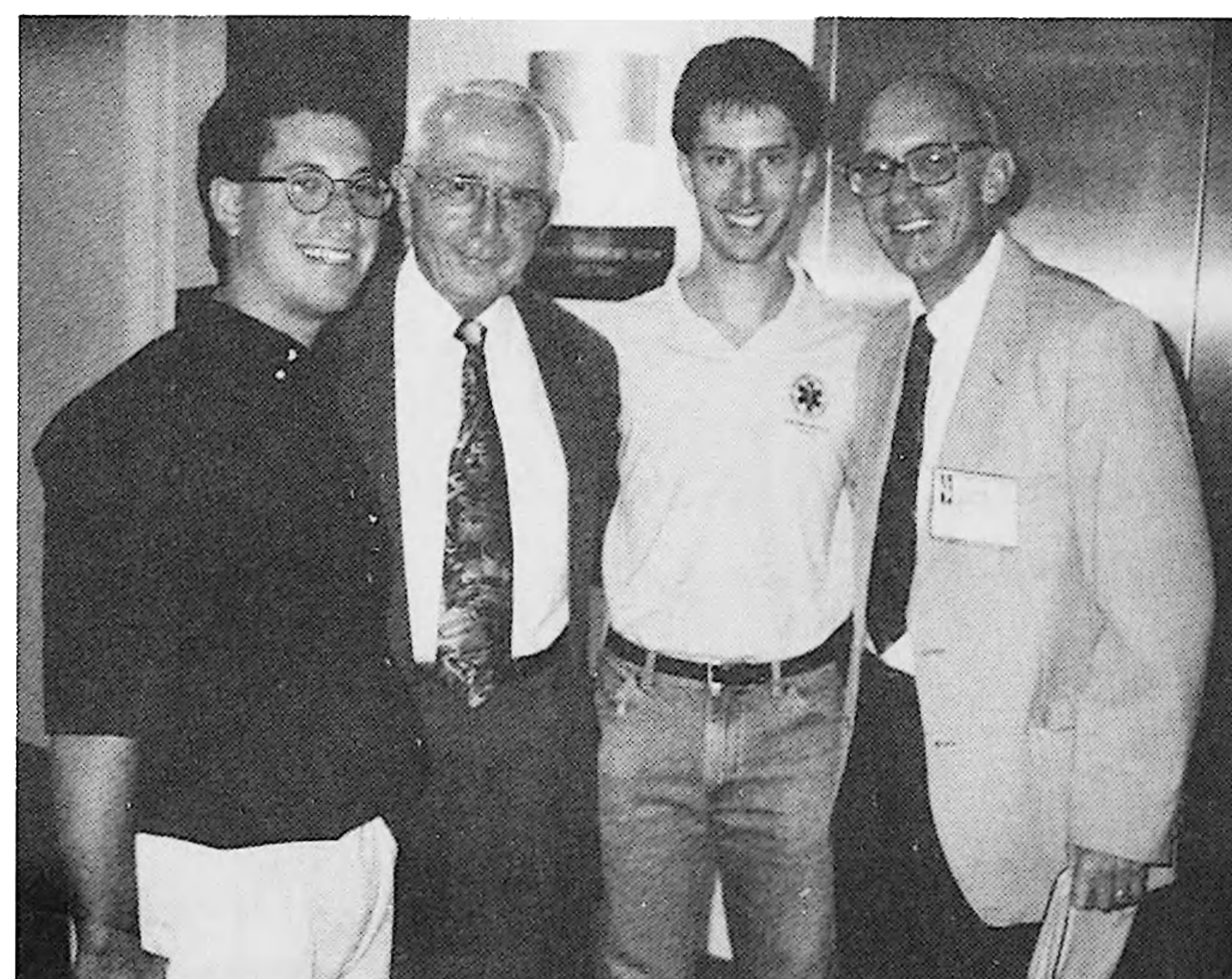
October 27 featured the subject "Judaism in a Non-Jewish Majority Culture; Proselytizing and Messianic Judaism." Finally, on November 10, the topic was Jewish Folk Religion — Superstitions and other non-Traditional Elements within Judaism." Between eight and ten students attended each of the above-mentioned

sessions and all came away better educated.

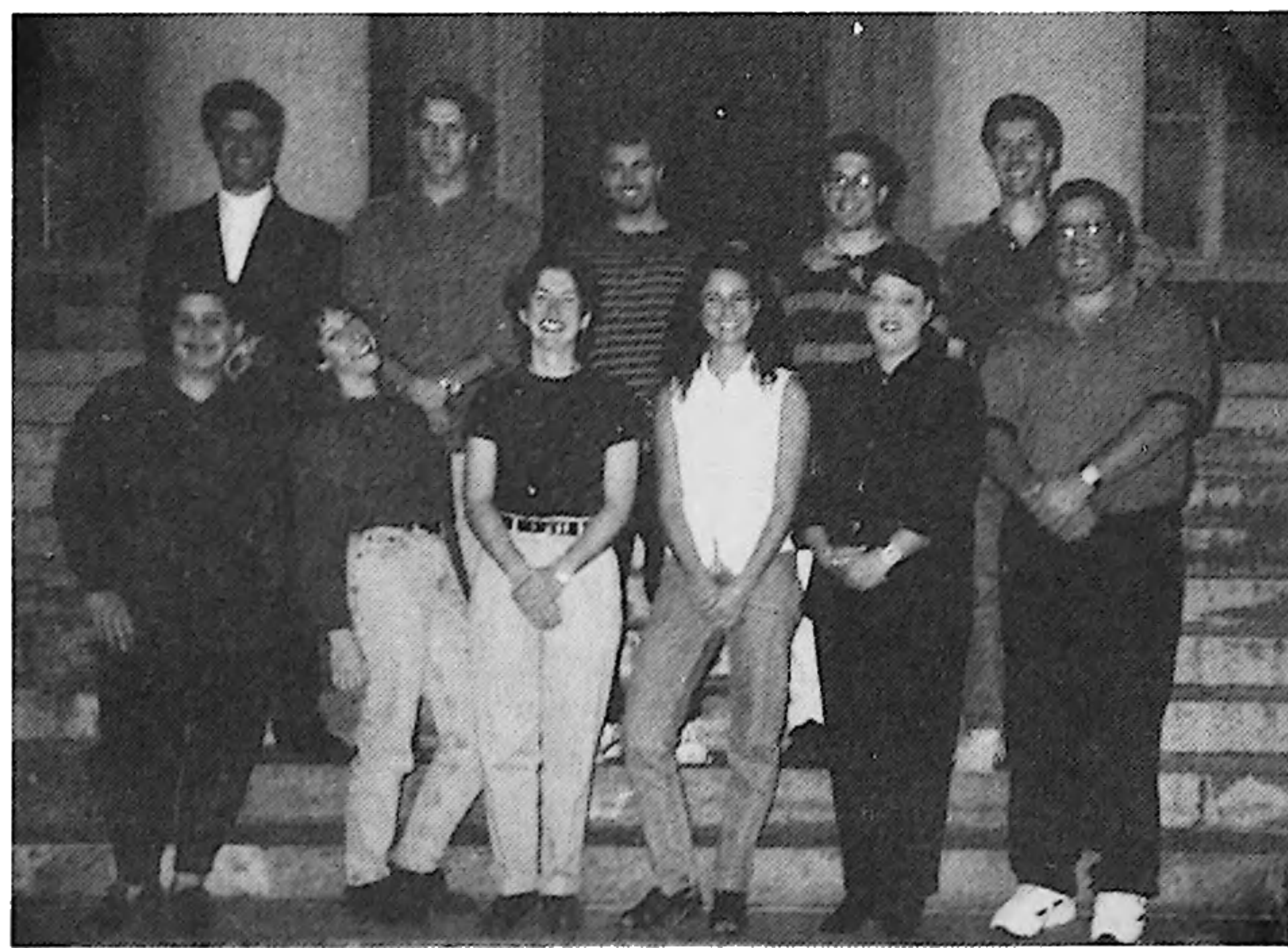
This semester saw our continued use of technology in communicating with Jewish students, faculty and staff at Clemson University. First, Scott Savett, the Hillel Webmaster, has further enhanced and updated the Hillel web site, which is located at <http://hubcap.clemson.edu/hillel/>. Then he set up and continues to monitor a Hillel-L list

where each Hillel student has access and can post notices on the Hillel e-mail news list. Finally, this semester, I set up a Hillel Faculty e-mail list whereby I send e-mail notices, holiday wishes, and

information to interested Jewish faculty and staff at Clemson University. I also forward e-mail from members on the list to the entire list. Through the use of electronic mail, we had several Jewish students request Hanukkah candles and Menorahs. Obviously, they had to pick the items up physically.



(Left to Right) Adam Schwartzman, General Alvin Ungerleider, Scott Savett, and Dr. Richard Klein



Hillel Students at Dessert Social

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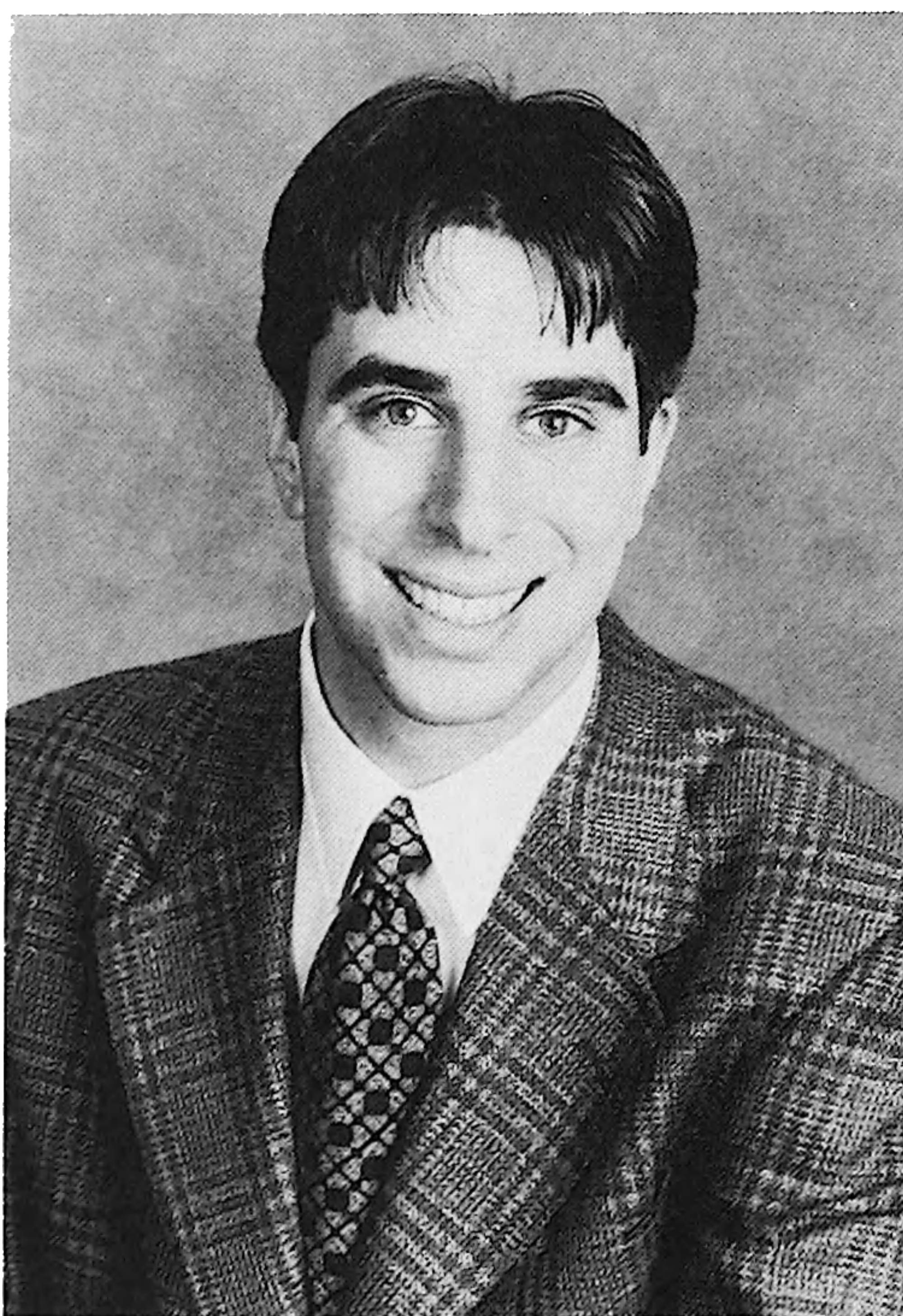




# Editorial

## Student Activists From Across the Nation to Shape Jewish Environmental Movement at ECO-Zionism Conference

Jewish environmental student activists are set to embark on a spiritual journey in the dramatic Marin Headlands on the northern California coastline, at JNF On Campus' second annual ECO-Zionism Conference, March 7-9, 1997.



*Adam Werbach, the youngest President in Sierra Club's history, will be a featured speaker at the Jewish National Fund's second annual ECO-Zionism Conference.*

Co-sponsored by JNF On Campus, The Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life (COEJL), and the Northern California Hillel Council, the ECO-Zionism Conference will bring together Jewish college students from all backgrounds to explore environmental issues in a Jewish context. Students are immersed in the spiritual as well as the practical, learning the necessary skills to implement an ECO-Jewish agenda on their respective campuses. Conference participants are sure to gain a new perspective on the inter-connections between ecology, Judaism and Israel.

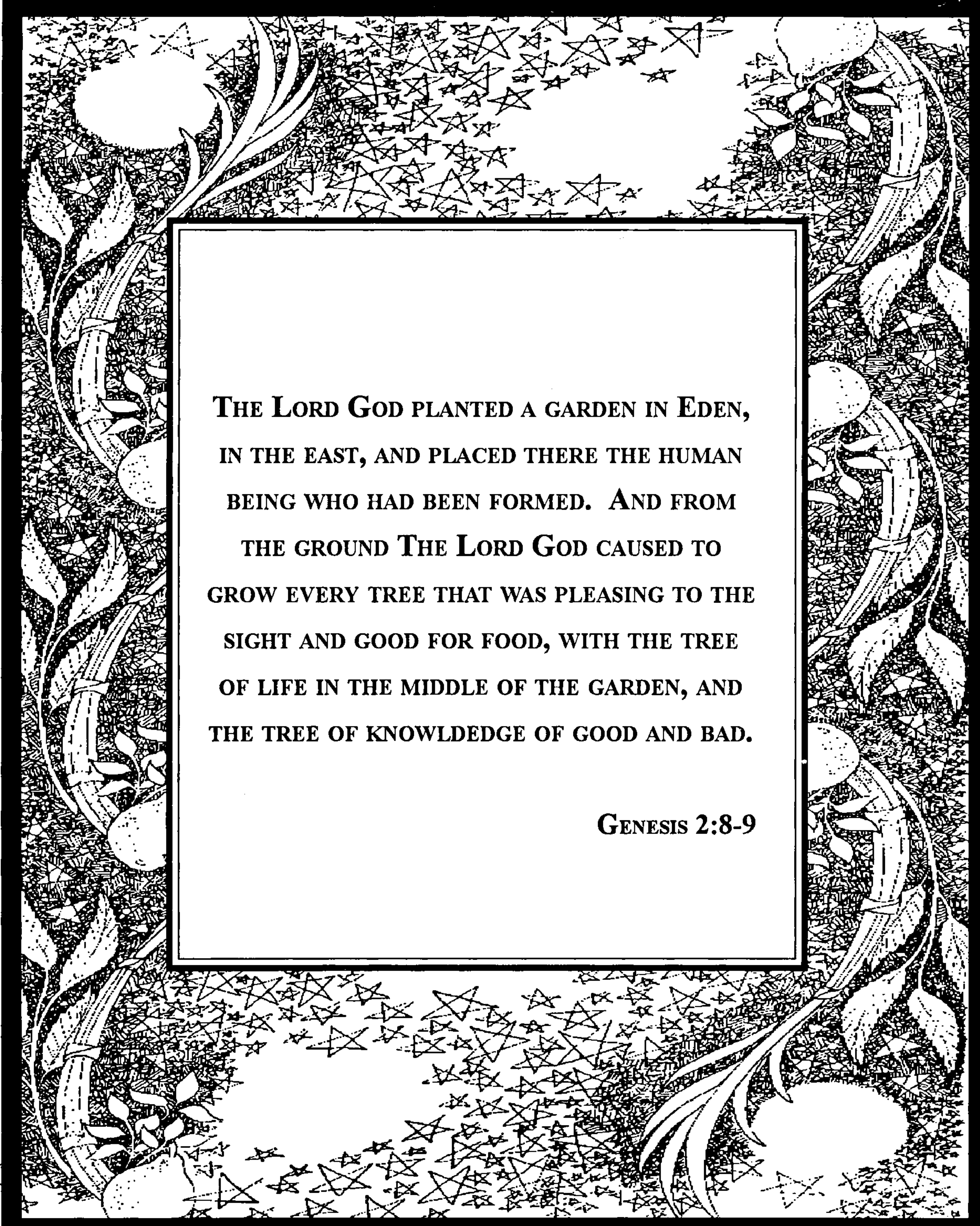
Adding to the weekend's excitement and energy are the two featured speakers, Adam Werbach, the youngest president in the Sierra Club's history, and Alon Tal, director of the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies and founding director of Adam, Teva, V'Din, Union for Environmental Defense.

During the conference participants will hear from multicultural story tellers, who will share their unique creation stories; experience a spiritual ECO-Shabbat on the Pacific; study Torah and flora while hiking in the Marin Headlands; explore the mystical nature of some of the indigenous plant life, conjuring an amuletic medicine bag from herbs and stones (for protection, health, love, and prosperity); experience Jewish star gazing under the California skies; hear about the global impact of JNF and Israel's innovative responses to ecological challenges, and learn how to green their Hillels, making them more energy efficient and reducing waste, all through the lens of Jewish environmental ethics and values.

"While learning with environmental experts, Jewish scholars grass roots activists and student leaders from across North America, conference participants will be shape both the current and future Jewish environmental movement," explained Aliza Kline, JNF On Campus director.

*For more information on the conference or the JNF On Campus program, please contact Aliza Kline at the national JNF office, (212) 879-9300, ext. 330, or send e-mail to [jnfoncmps@aol.com](mailto:jnfoncmps@aol.com), or explore the Web Site: <http://www.jnf.org>.*



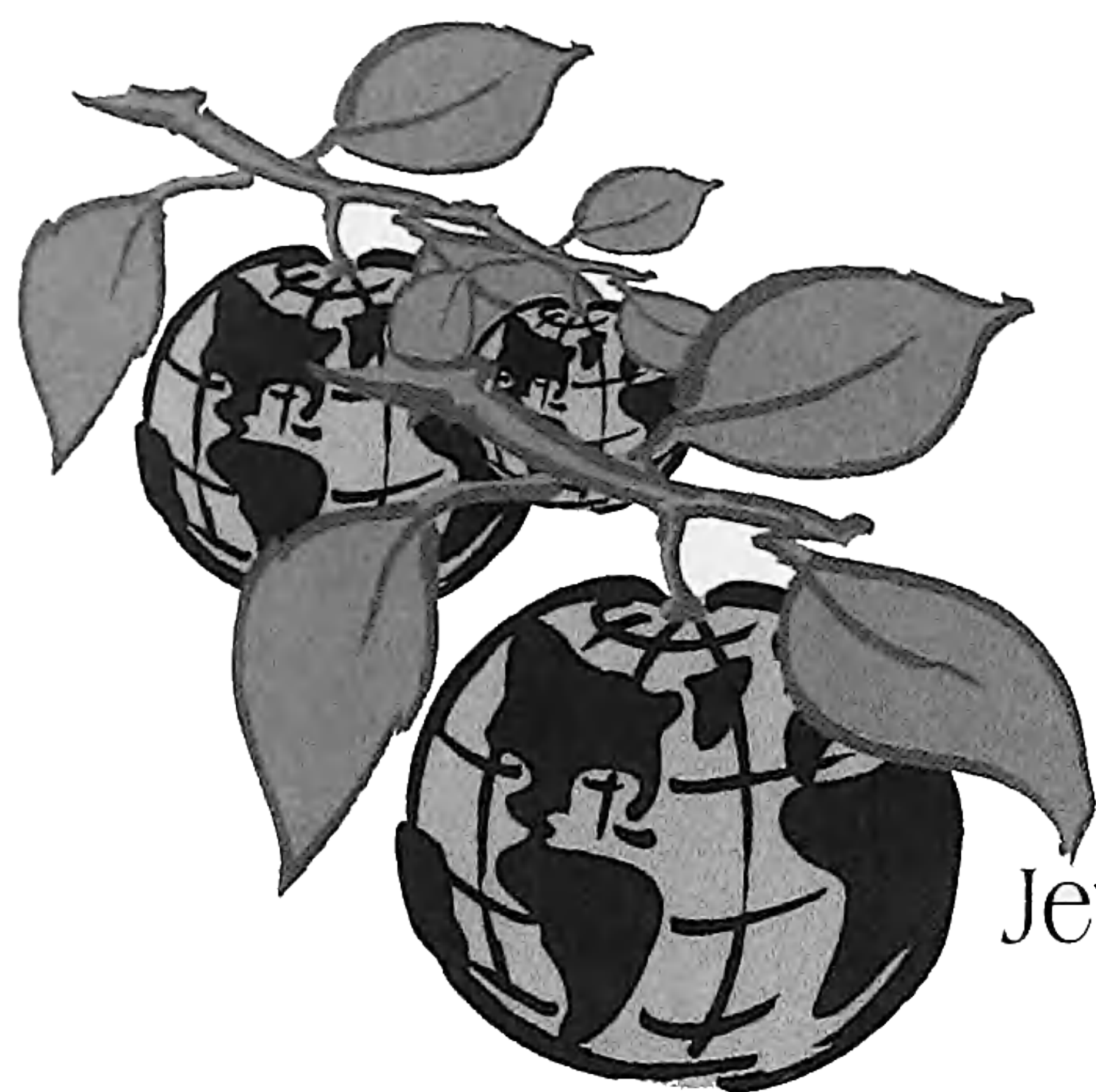


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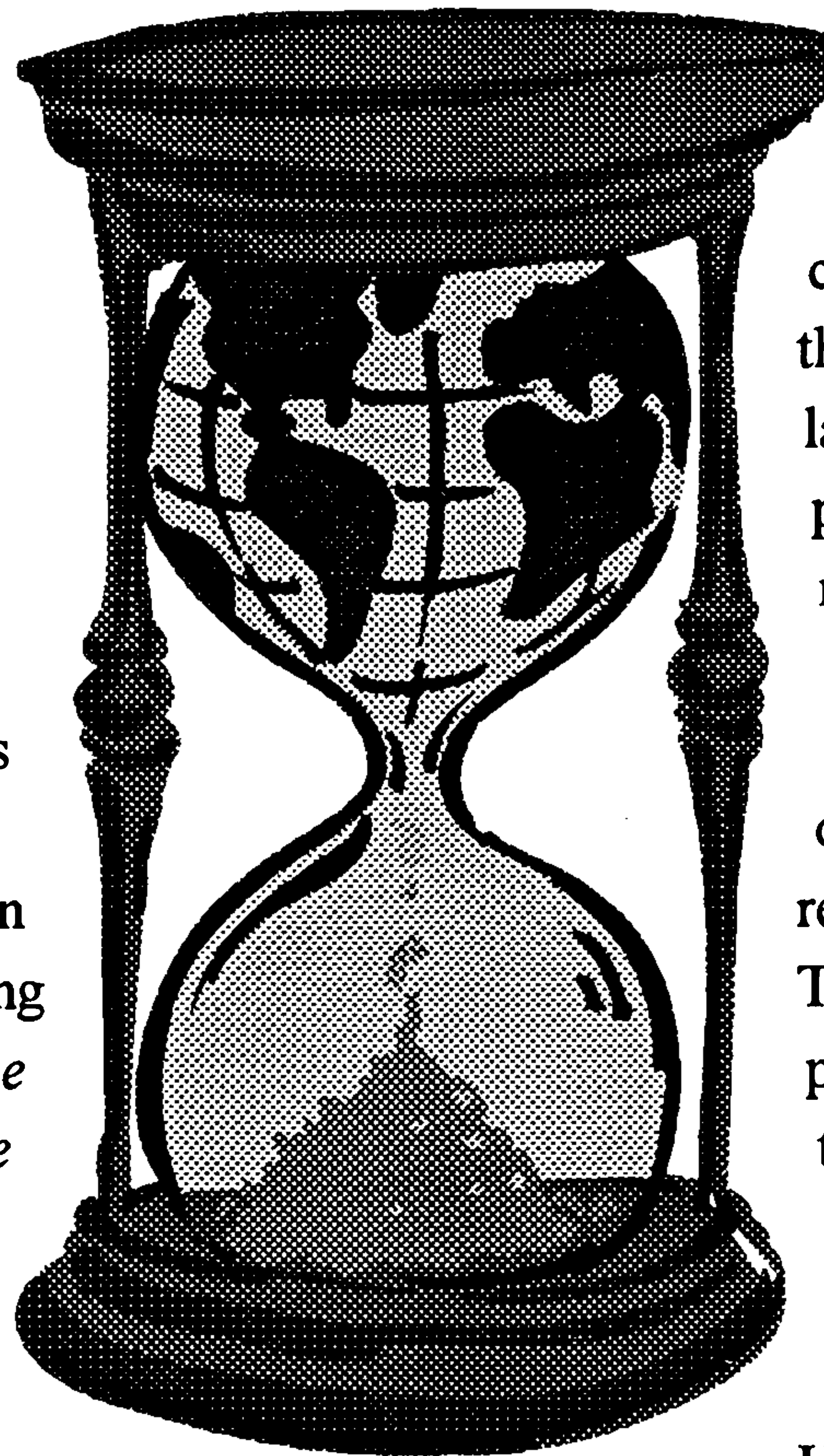


Steinberg also expressed concern for the *"restoration of the soul of the American Jewish community,"* reminding the congregation that Hurwitz and his business associates Michael Milkin and Ivan Boesky each made multi-million dollar settlements to former Pacific Lumber shareholders who charged that the takeover was accomplished by stock parking and other corporate fraud. Steinberg quipped, *"We must ask ourselves, how do Jewish boys come to behave like this? Who was in charge of that Bar Mitzvah class? What were they being taught?"*

Rabbi Arthur Waskow of The Shalom Center in Philadelphia spoke with deep emotion of taking part in a similar Tu b'Shevat tree planting at the nation's Capitol twenty-seven years ago to focus attention on the deforestation of Viet Nam. Waskow gave a poetic teaching on the significance of the holiday, explaining that in the Jewish mystical tradition *"the Tree of Life has its roots in Heaven, the trunk and branches reach down, and we here on earth are its fruits."*

Josh Kaufman, Forestry Chair of the local Sierra Club chapter, gave a presentation on the ecological complexity of the ancient redwood forest which provides habitat for several rare, threatened and endangered species including the coho salmon, the northern spotted owl, and the marbled murrelet—a tiny bird that flies thirty miles to the Pacific Coast each day to feed and returns to nest in the ancient trees each night. Kaufman emphasized that even-aged, second-growth forests cannot provide viable habitat to ensure the survival of these species or the genetic diversity necessary for a healthy forest. Reading from a Pacific Lumber logging plan, Kaufman explained that the company is abandoning selective logging methods and adopting a policy of clear-cutting, which will in effect turn most of the remaining forest into a tree farm.

The how's and why's of civil disobedience were the topic of a brief presentation by volunteers from the local Civil Liberties Monitoring Project. The assembly adopted a non-violence code which included, *"Our attitude will be one of openness, friendliness, and respect for all people and the environment around us. We will use no violence, verbal or physical, towards any person."*



After a vegetarian lunch in the crowded Grange Hall kitchen, a caravan of vehicles drove slowly through the rain and flood waters, past a fresh landslide, to a nearby ancient redwood park for the Tu b'Shevat seder, a ritual meal developed by the 16th century Kabbalists. As the seder began the rain ceased and worshipers seated on tarps on the ground gazed up to the tops of the redwoods towering 300 feet overhead. Trays piled high with fruit and nuts, the produce of trees, were passed through the congregation. Both traditional and innovative prayers were chanted from a haggadah provided by San Francisco's Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, and Rabbi Holub led a new blessing for the

occasion: *"Praised by the Creator of Headwaters Forest and all that lives therein. Blessed Creator and Sustainer of all life, bless and preserve this forest for the sake of Your Great Name. Amen."* Teachings were offered by Rabbi Dan Goldblatt, Barak Gale, Avi Rose and Matt Biers, and the seder concluded with the reading of a poem composed for this event by translator and liturgist Marcia Falk, followed by the Mourner's Kaddish in memory of the plants and animals of various species which have been lost due to logging of the redwood forest.

At the close of the ceremony the rain resumed.

The caravan of worshipers then drove past the flooded fields of sheep ranches to the edge of the 60,000 acre



Headwaters Forest complex where a Pacific Lumber log deck was piled high with massive logs awaiting transport to the mill. In the shelter of a red umbrella and draped in a rainbow-trimmed, sky blue prayer shawl, Rabbi Waskow led an afternoon worship service, intoning *"I call you once again/To speak for Me./To speak for Me because I have no voice,/To speak the Name of the One who has no Name,/To speak for all the Voiceless of the planet./Who speaks for the redwood and the rock,/the lion and the beetle?"*

At the conclusion of the service Waskow and over a hundred others walked past Pacific Lumber's *"No Trespassing"* sign to plant twenty-five redwood seedlings and offer prayers on the banks of Yaeger Creek which surged in a brown torrent of sediment, the result of erosion caused by excessive logging upstream. A Pacific Lumber steel fence hung with one end suspended in the air over the water, the violent action of the creek having recently torn away the embankment. The seedlings were distributed and in groups of four or five per tree, the worshippers made their way through mud and brush to choose a spot to plant, some waiting for a trowel or shovel, some digging with their bare hands. Most of the groups stood in circles around their seedling for some time, offering songs and blessings, or simply listening to the roar of the creek and the rain.

*"My relationship with Judaism is about following my heart and doing the right thing. This was an opportunity for me to join with other Jews in doing just that,"* said B'nai Ha-Aretz member Peggy Iris, one of the founders of the local Institute for Sustainable Forestry.

A Pacific Lumber security worker was present but made no effort to interrupt the prayers or tree-planting and

law enforcement was not called to the scene. This same log deck had been the site of a peaceful September 15 rally of over 6,000 people, of whom over 1,000 took part in civil disobedience and were arrested for trespass, handcuffed and removed from the property in law enforcement buses.

On November 15 a peaceful rally of 400 at the same site ended in chaos when local law enforcement declared the event an unlawful assembly. Over 60 people were

jailed, many of them detained for nearly a week. There were numerous complaints of excessive use of force on the part of police.

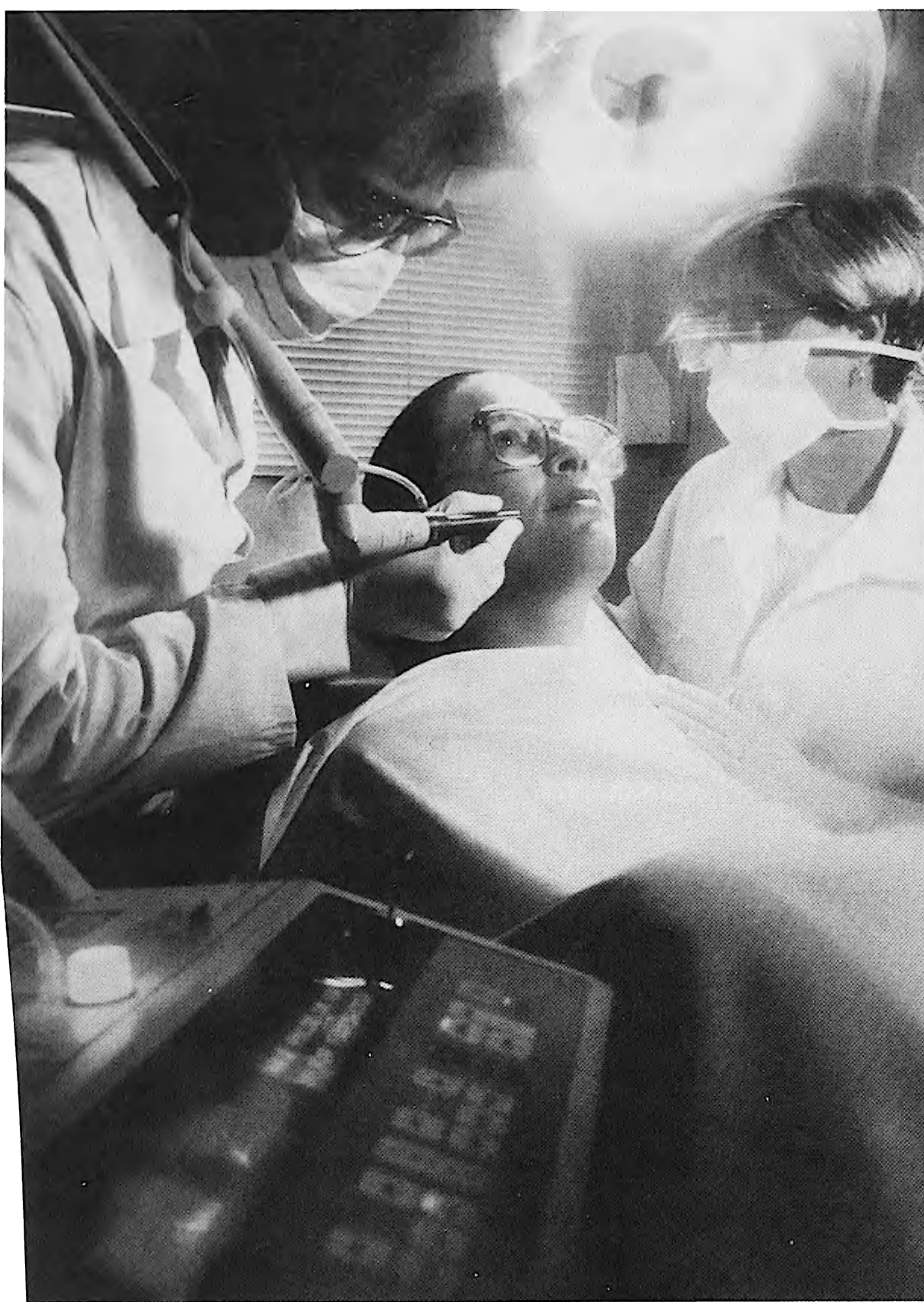
*"We apprised the Sheriff's Department of our intention to pray at the edge of Headwaters Forest and plant trees on timber company property in honor of the Jewish holiday. We requested permission from Mr. Hurwitz to do so. We were*

*denied permission, but went ahead with our plans. We're very pleased that Pacific Lumber did not deem it necessary to have us arrested. We hope our peaceful tree-planting will be the beginning of a comprehensive restoration plan for this last unprotected redwood forest,"* said organizer Steinberg.

At the conclusion of the day's events **Earth First!** leader Darryl Cherney gave an impromptu testimony to the worshippers, commenting that this had been a turning point in the ten year struggle to save Headwaters Forest. A veteran of numerous arrests for civil disobedience, Cherney said, *"We are witnessing a miracle. At a place where demonstrators before have been met with billy clubs, night sticks and arrests, we are now walking freely. . . It reminds me of the parting of the Red Sea."*







LASER SURGERY IN PROGRESS INVOLVING AESTHETIC SKIN RESURFACING.  
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MORE AND MORE ISRAELIS ARE SHOWING MORE THAN A PERFUNCTORY INTEREST IN THEIR LOOKS THESE DAYS, AS THE GROWING WAITING LISTS FOR AESTHETIC SURGERY IN THE COUNTRY'S HOSPITALS AND PRIVATE CLINICS SHOW.

IN LIGHT OF THIS GROWING TREND, ONE ISRAELI COMPANY, A LEADER IN SURGICAL LASER APPLICATIONS, HAS DEVELOPED NEW TECHNOLOGY TO TREAT THE FULL RANGE OF AESTHETIC SKIN RESURFACING, HAIR LOSS AND... SNORING.

BY CHARLES HARRIS

# Aesthetic Surgery Comes To Israel

*(WZPS) If your impression of Israelis includes bronzed bodies baking in the sun with little consideration for shade and skin block, then it might be time to update your image of a sabra (native-born Israeli).*

*In a society where high technology, big business and the internet have taken center stage, Israelis are also learning to preserve their bodies like never before. This phenomenon can be attributed to a growing awareness of the environment's impact on the body as well as the increasing importance of physical looks*

**I**srael's Laser Industries, a leader in surgical laser applications, has recently developed new technology to achieve these goals.

"Since the early '70s, we have been a traditional based company that produced lasers for major surgeries involving ear, nose, throat and other general surgeries," said president and chief operation officer, Yacha Sutton. "But in 1993, we decided to expand from our hospital based market and began developing new applications."

One of the first laser procedures launched by the company was the FeatherTouch SilkLaser System, an instrument used to treat the full range of aesthetic skin resurfacing cases in significantly reduced procedure time. Using the specially designed laser, physicians erase lines and wrinkles, soften acne and surgical scars and restore flesh.



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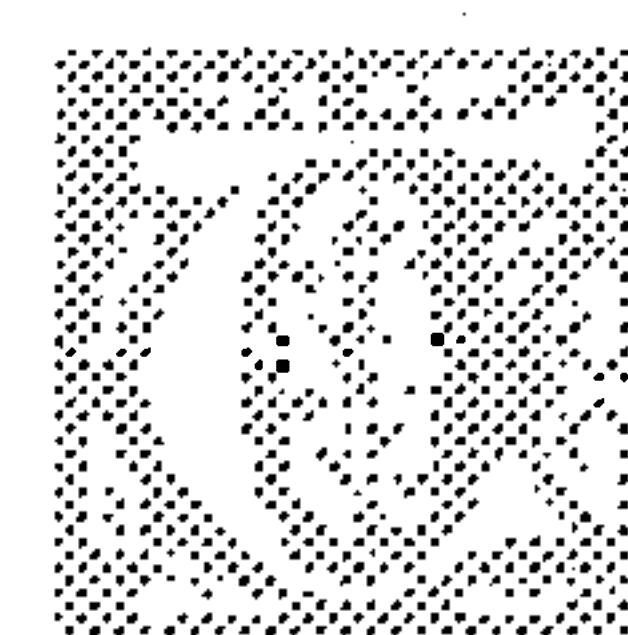




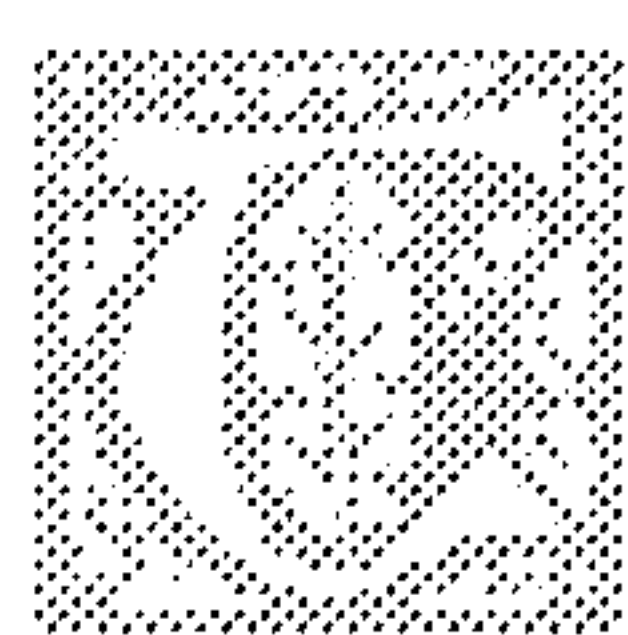


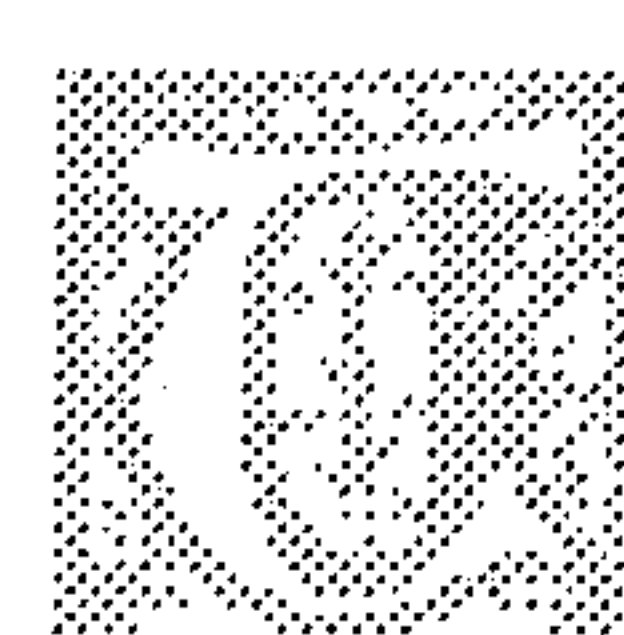
## Shabbat Zakhor and Nili

BY ELKIE TULMAN

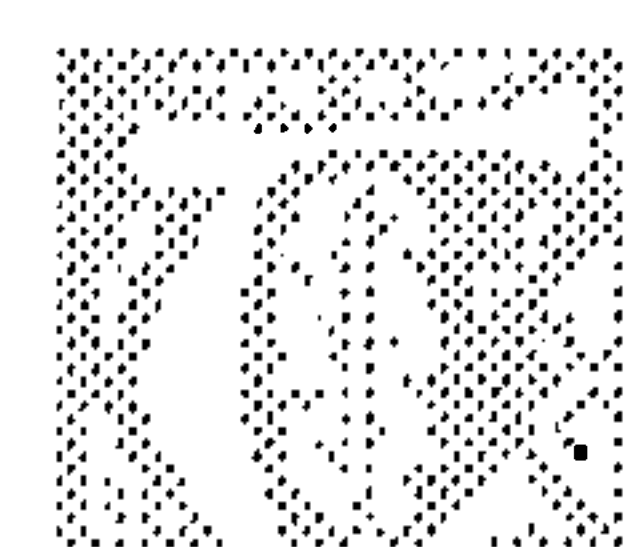
he Shabbat immediately proceeding Purim is called "Shabbat Zakhor." The name comes from the "Maftir" portion of the Torah reading which begins with the word "Zakhor (*Remember*) what Amalek did unto thee by the way as ye came forth out of Egypt. . . how he smote the hindmost of thee, all that were enfeebled in thy rear, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not G-d. Therefore. . . thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; **thou shalt not forget.**" (*Deuteronomy 25:17-19, pages 856-857 in the Hertz Humash.*)

Tradition has it that Haman was a descendant of Amalek, hence the connection with Purim.

he corresponding Haftarah is from I Samuel (*Chapter 15, p. 996 ff, Ibid*) which tells of King Saul's battle with the Amalekites and his overwhelming victory. However, by not destroying everything, as commanded by G-d through the Prophet Samuel, the kingdom is wrenched from Saul and given to David and his descendants.


here is a brief four-word phrase in this Haftarah that is especially meaningful to me and to many others, due to its connection with modern Jewish history. The phrase is:

*"Netzah Yisrael Lo Yeshaker—The Glory/Eternity of Israel (i.e. G-d) will not lie."* (p. 998, v. 29, *Ibid.*) This was formed into the acronym NILI (*Nun Yod Lamed Yod*) which became the password for a secret group of courageous Jewish Halutzim (*pioneers*) in Palestine. These idealistic young people (*mostly native-born members of agricultural villages*) believed that British control of the area was the only way to insure the existence and growth of the Yishuv (*Jewish settlement*) in Palestine. They saw little hope under the corrupt, capricious and often cruel Turkish regime. Fearing that their fate may follow that of the decimated Armenians, the Nili group risked imprisonment, torture and death in order to gather and pass on vital information to the British Intelligence Headquarters in Cairo, Egypt, during World War I.

he group was headed by agricultural expert Aaron Aaronsohn, his sister Sarah, brother




Alexander plus Avshalom Feinberg and Yosef Lishansky. As head of an experimental agricultural station in Atlit (*near Haifa*) and expert on locust control, Aaron Aaronsohn was allowed to travel the country and even go abroad with some amount of freedom. He also employed and taught other members of the group. Additional Nili members worked in nearby villages within easy access of the station. Their scientific activities were a good cover for their spying.

 hough Nili was just a “bleep” on the screen of Jewish history (1915-1918), the vision and self sacrifice of these young heroes made a difference not only in the lives of the Jews in Palestine, but eventually to Jews throughout the world. Their actions started paving the way for the eventual establishment of the state of Israel. Therefore, I say with fervor: “Zakhor/Remember Nili!”

The original Aaronsohn home stands on the main street in Zikhron Yaakov (*a town on the Hadera-Haifa highway*). It is open to visitors. In addition to the memories and mementos contained within its walls, it is now a “herbarium” filled with plants collected and cultivated by the noted agronomist and botanist Aaron Aaronsohn.

“Diaspora Jews” may be surprised to learn that Nili has become a name that is given proudly by Israelis to their sons and daughters in loving tribute to their early Zionist heroes. “Zekher Tzadikim Livrakha—May the memory of the righteous be for an everlasting blessing.”

 he Encyclopedia Judaica (Vol. 12, columns 1162-1165) contains more information and a list of books on Nili. The award winning historic novel “The Gideonites” by Devorah Omer, Sabra/Funk and Wagnalls NY, can be found at the Speizman Library at Shalom Park in Charlotte NC. Although recommended primarily for young teenagers, it is a story the entire family will find gripping and inspiring.

## Happiness

by Priscilla Leonard

Happiness is like a crystal, fair and  
exquisite and clear.

Broken in a million pieces, shattered,  
scattered far and near.

Now and then along life's pathway, do!  
some shining fragments fall;

But there are so many pieces, no one  
ever finds them all.

You may find a bit of beauty, or an  
honest share of wealth,

While another just beside you gathers  
honor, love or health.

Vain to choose or grasp unduly, broken  
is the perfect ball;  
And there are so many pieces, no one  
ever finds them all

Yet the wise as on they journey,  
treasure every fragment clear,

Fit them as they may together,  
imaging the shattered sphere,

Learning ever to be thankful, though  
their share of it is small;

For it has so many pieces,  
no one ever finds them all.



# PURIM

## A TIME OF GIVING

BY DVORA WAYSMAN

Purim, which is celebrated on 14th Adar and falls out on March 23 this year, is the light relief in Israel's serious and solemn commitment. It is the nearest thing that Judaism has to a carnival. Originating in the Book of Esther, which details the deliverance of the Persian Jews from their oppressor, Haman, it leavens the religious year with an element of fun.

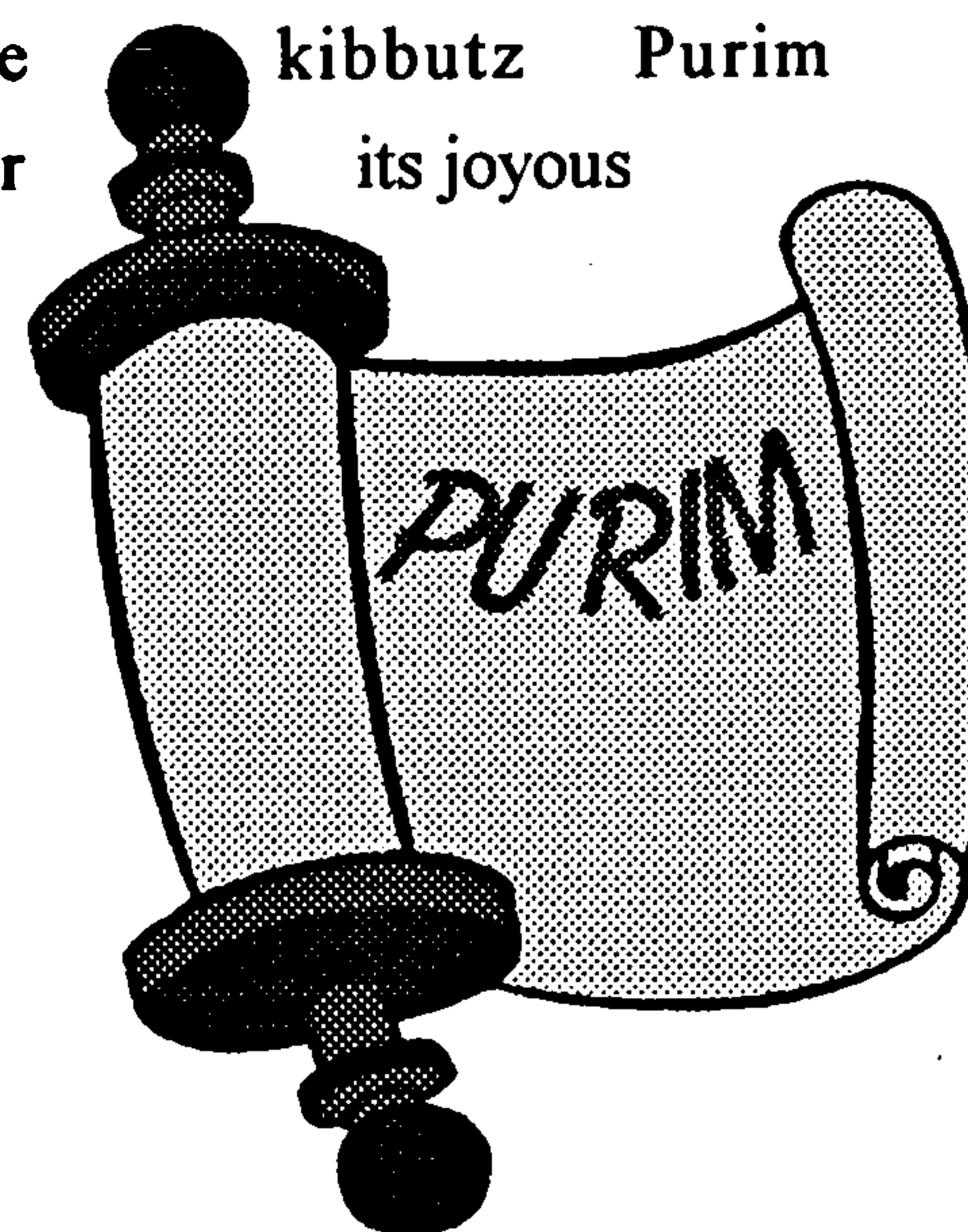
But even though joy is the central motif of the festival, there are other important ingredients that must not be overlooked, such as 'the sending of portions' (mishloach manot). The rule is to send at least two portions of ready-prepared food to friends, as well as to give a gift of money to at least two poor persons. The mishloach manot usually consist of cookies, confectionary, nuts, dried fruits and wine.

### HAPPY CUSTOM

Our forefathers made a great point of sending food, on plates wrapped in cloths, from house to house. Children delivered them, running through the streets collecting tips in sweets. The custom was a source of excitement for housewives with some tension because the wrong amount or the wrong kind of mishloach manot sent to a touchy relative could give undying offence. . .

The custom is still carried out in Israel, with children in costume (miniature Queen Esthers, clowns and astronauts) making the deliveries. Amongst the exhibits at the Israel Museum, there is a beautiful silver plate, originating in Austria in the 19th century, for mishloach manot. It is shaped like a fish, which symbolizes the month of Adar.

In the kibbutzim, children give mishloach manot not only to their family but also to their metaplot (nurse-educators), teachers, neighbors and classmates. As the children make their rounds in gay and varied costumes, the whole kibbutz takes on the carnival atmosphere which characterized the adults' celebration on the previous night. The party is hard to beat for atmosphere and the originality of the fancy dress, which is virtually compulsory for all comers.





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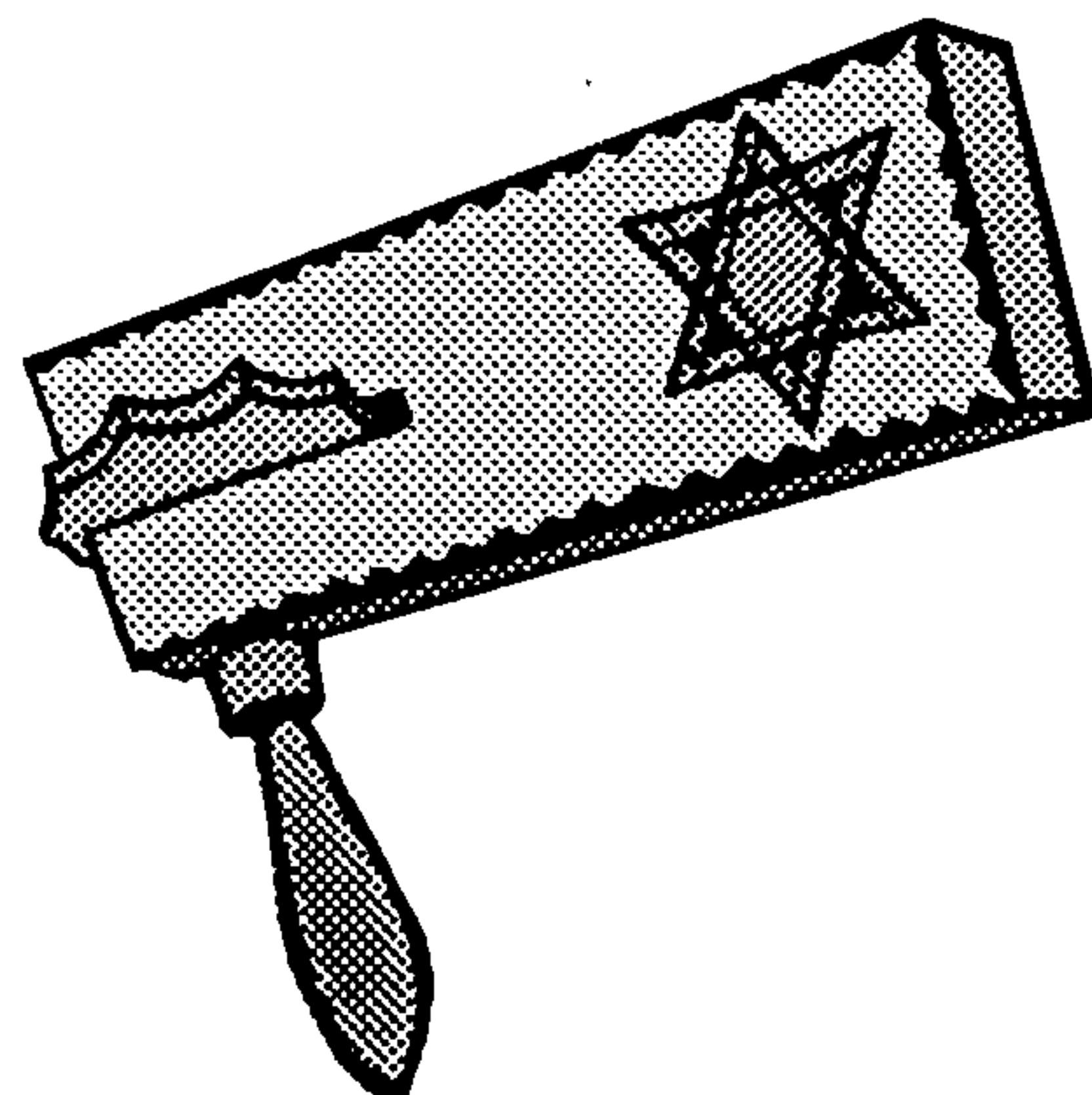
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## Hamantaschen

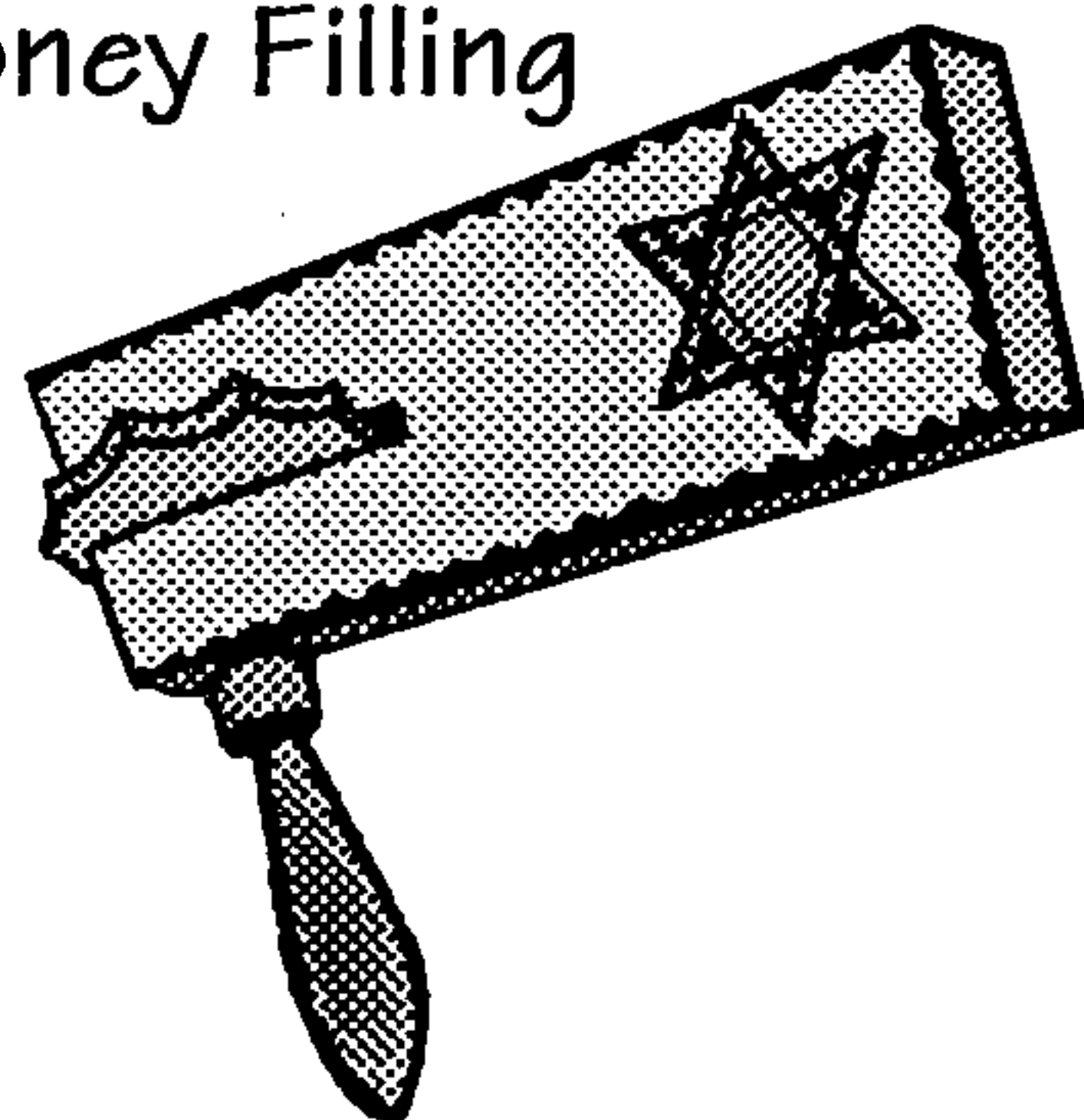
- 1 cake yeast
- 1 pint sweet milk, divided
- 1/2 cup butter
- 6 cups flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 T. salt
- 1/2 cup sour cream



Dissolve yeast in 1/4 cup warm milk. Heat remaining milk and butter to lukewarm; beat. Add yeast mixture. Sift and add dry ingredients. Add sour cream. Knead at least 15 minutes; let rise for 3 hours. Knead again for 15 minutes. Roll out to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut into 4-inch squares. Fill with filling, fold into 3-cornered shapes and press edges together. Let rise until double in thickness. Bake 1/2 hour in moderate 350 degree oven. Yields: about 24 Hamantaschen.

## Poppy Seed and Honey Filling

- 2 cups poppyseed
- 1 cup water or milk
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/8 t. salt
- 2 eggs (optional)

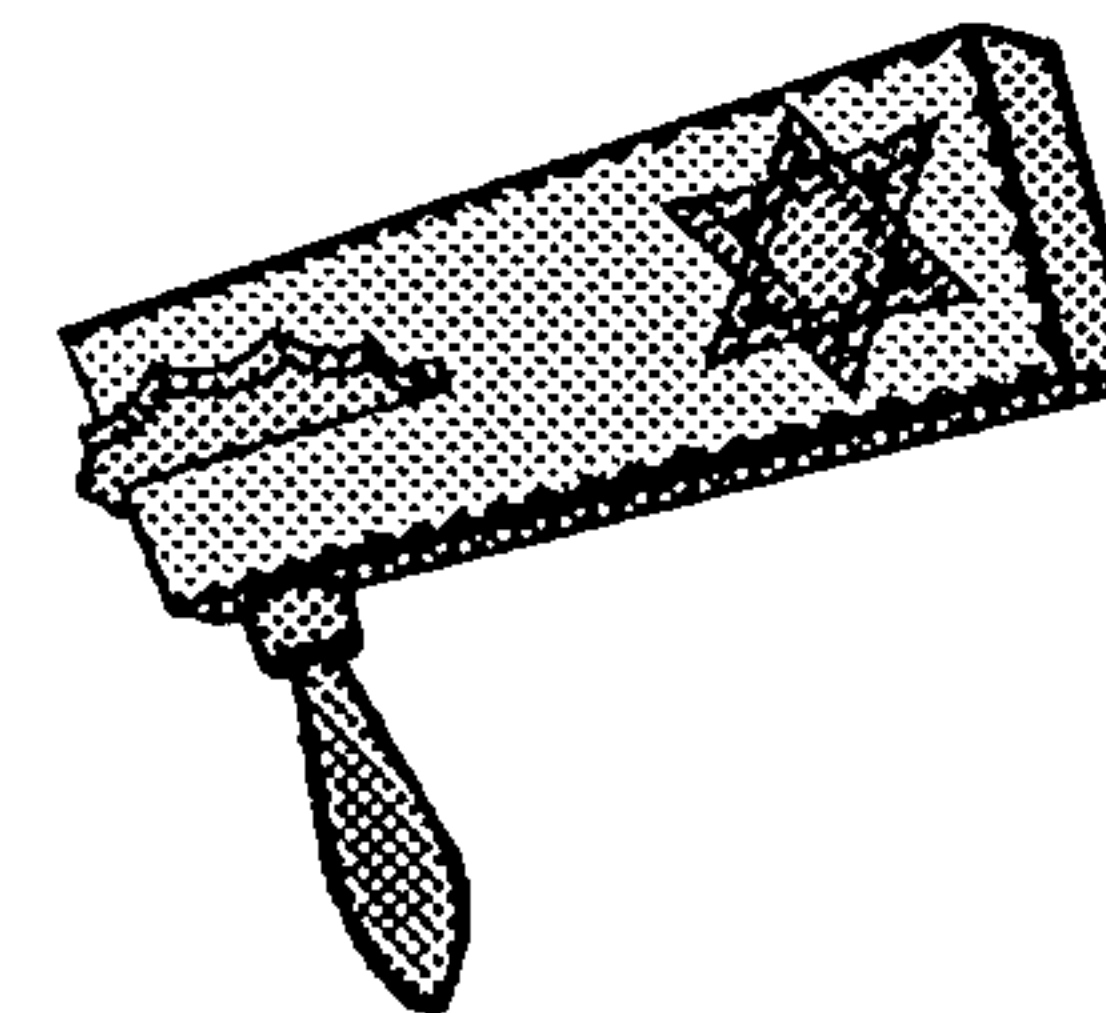


Combine poppyseed, water or milk, honey, sugar and salt in a saucepan. Cook over moderate heat until thick, stirring to prevent scorching. Let cook before adding eggs, beating in thoroughly. If the addition of eggs thins out filling too much, return to heat and stir while cooking 1 to 2 minutes.

Watching your cholesterol? Not to worry. You can still have your Hamantaschen and eat it, too, with this recipe.

## No-Cholesterol Hamantaschen

- 3/4 cup egg substitute (equal to 3 eggs)
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 4-1/2 cups flour
- 1/4 t. baking soda
- 3 t. baking powder
- 1/2 t. salt

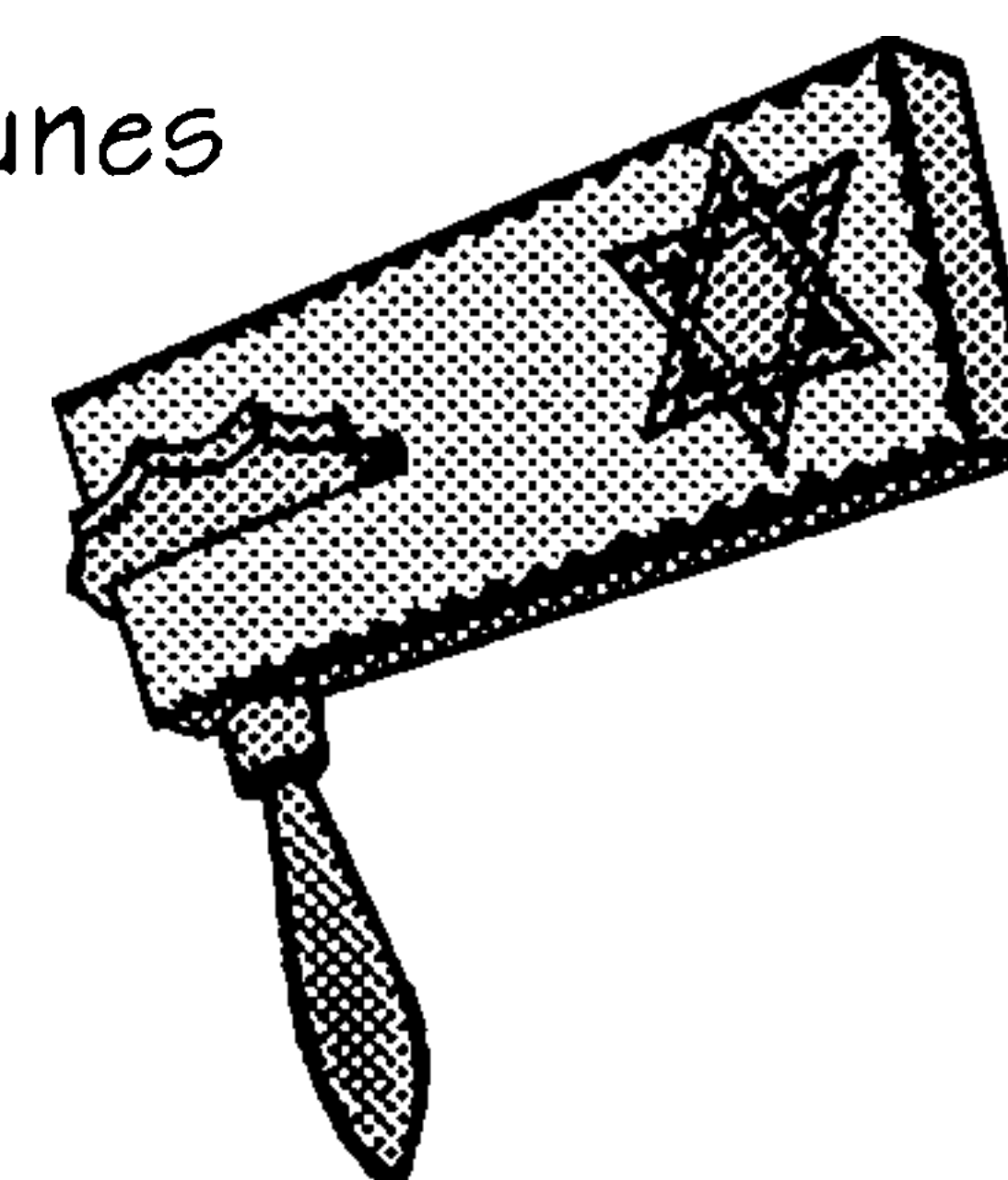


In a large mixing bowl, beat the egg substitute, adding the sugar as you beat. Continue beating, adding the oil and orange juice. In another bowl, combine the dry ingredients, mixing well. Add these to the beaten egg mixture. The dough will be a little sticky, but don't add too much flour in rolling or the cookies will come out hard.

On a lightly floured pastry board, roll part of the dough to a thickness of 1/8 inch. Cut with a 3-inch round cutter. Fill with about 1 teaspoon of desired filling. Shape by folding into the center each of the three sides of Haman's hat. Repeat with remaining dough. Bake at 350 degrees for about 20 minutes. Makes 6 dozen cookies.

## Uncooked Fruit Filling

- 1 pound uncooked pitted prunes
- 1/2 cup chopped almonds
- 1/2 cup seedless raisins
- 1/4 cup dried apricots
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 t. cinnamon
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice



Place all ingredients in food processor. Process until mixture becomes smooth and thick. Makes about 4 cups.

**KOSHER KLUES:** Large poppy seeds should be scalded, drained and pounded or put through food chopper, using a fine blade, before used in fillings. When pinching the seams of your Hamantaschen together, lightly moisten the edges of dough with water. This will produce a tighter seal. Hamantaschen dough can be prepared in advance, covered with plastic wrap and foil and stored in the refrigerator or freezer until ready to bake.



# BOOKS

## Life Doesn't Get Any Better Than This

by Robert A. Alper

Triumph Books 245 pp. \$12.00  
paperback

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Robert A. Alper is well known to Americans as a Reform Rabbi and stand-up comic who has performed internationally.

He is a graduate of Lehigh University, and was ordained rabbi by Hebrew Theological College of Cincinnati. He holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Rabbi Alper is a writer with deep spirituality who subtitled this book, "The Holiness of Little Daily Dramas." He was born in Providence RI and now lives with his wife and two children in rural Vermont, a site which is evidence of his preference for tranquil living.

The little sketches in this book are a product of his personal experiences, portraying his perception of life with a sense of admirable values and above all, a sense of humor. He does not write in a religious vein, yet his writing is soulful, and his appreciation of the divine in the world is apparent. As a Jew, he is certainly an American Jew, reminiscent of Sam Levenson, of blessed memory. It is easy to understand exactly what he wishes us

to feel as we read his recollections of his life's little dramas. He acknowledges the Jewish traditions of telling tales as the source of his inclination to do so.

This collection is an inspiring reading which affords the reader with an opportunity to become acquainted with the author.

## A Book That Was Lost and Other Stories

by S. Y. Agnon

Schocken Books 336 pp. \$15.00  
paperback

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

These short stories of Israel's most noted writer in the Hebrew language have been collected by Schocken Books, whose publishing company originated in Germany and moved to America, where it has continued to publish books of interest to Jewish readers. *A Book That Was Lost* offers a sample of Agnon's work.

The writing is in the style of an old fashioned story teller. The stories range from a background in eastern Europe, where Agnon was born (Buczacz, Poland) in 1888, to the land of Israel, to which he migrated in 1924.

His writing has been described as enigmatic and metaphysical, terms with which I agree. The stories are

unusual and far removed from ordinary modern literature. Sometimes the character of a scribe is depicted, somewhat autobiographical. Some tales are set in a town like that of Agnon's birthplace. Others are set in the land of Israel.

There is nothing in this collection that deals with the Holocaust, although there are suggestions of preface to it. Agnon is the great Hebrew writer of European Jewry, with the effects of World War I on Jewish communities. He chose to write about Jewish culture in Europe, rather than on its annihilation.

These stories are more puzzling than those of Sholom Aleichem, more like those of I.L. Peretz, in that they venture into realms beyond the mundane. The helpful feature of this volume is its grouping into seven sections of the stories with explanatory comments. There is also an extensive introduction written in 1995 by Alan Mintz and Anne Golomb Hoffman, dealing with the history, customs and traditions of European Jewry which form the background of Agnon. These additions to the stories provide, in effect, a short course on the subject of Agnon's writings, a credit to the editors who wrote the information.

This is a broad selection of Agnon's stories, a good introduction to this

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winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1966. He is author of novels including *The Bridal Canopy* and *A Guest For The Night*.

## Judaic Historian to Give Inaugural Address in Emory's New Tenenbaum Family Lecture Series

The revolutionary discoveries of Cairo's ancient Geniza collection will be the focus of a talk by historian Menahem Ben-Sasson at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, as the inaugural address of the newly established Tenenbaum Family Lecture Series at Emory University. The lecture was held in the third floor reception hall of the Michael C. Carlos Museum on the Emory campus. A reception followed.

Ben-Sasson, professor of history at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, will speak on "When Books Aren't Enough: Jewish History from Fragments," an exploration of how the discovery of Geniza collection, consisting of a quarter million fragments of medieval and pre-modern materials stored in Cairo for 1,000 years, continues to illuminate and re-orient scholars' understanding of Jewish history.

The Geniza collection was discovered in 1897 when Solomon Schechter visited Cairo and brought the collection back with him to Cambridge, England. The treasure,

which had been kept in an ancient synagogue, was regarded as sacred material (or Geniza) since most of it was written in Hebrew characters. Much of the material actually was secular—books, documents, letters, amulets, even recipes—and reflected many facets of daily life. Today's scholars still have not completed cataloging and examining the collection, and they continue to unearth discoveries from it. Ben-Sasson is regarded as one of the scholars most familiar with the collection and its continuing effect on Judaic and Near Eastern studies.

The Tenenbaum Family Lecture Series salutes the family of the late Meyer W. Tenenbaum of Savannah, Ga., a 1931 alumnus of Emory College and 1932 alumnus of Emory Law School. Other Tenenbaum family members who are Emory alumni include his son, Samuel J. Tenenbaum of Columbia, SC; Emory College class of 1965; nephew-in-law Ronald Kronowitz of Savannah, Emory Law School class of 1962; and nephew Bert Tenenbaum of Savannah, Emory College class of 1975.

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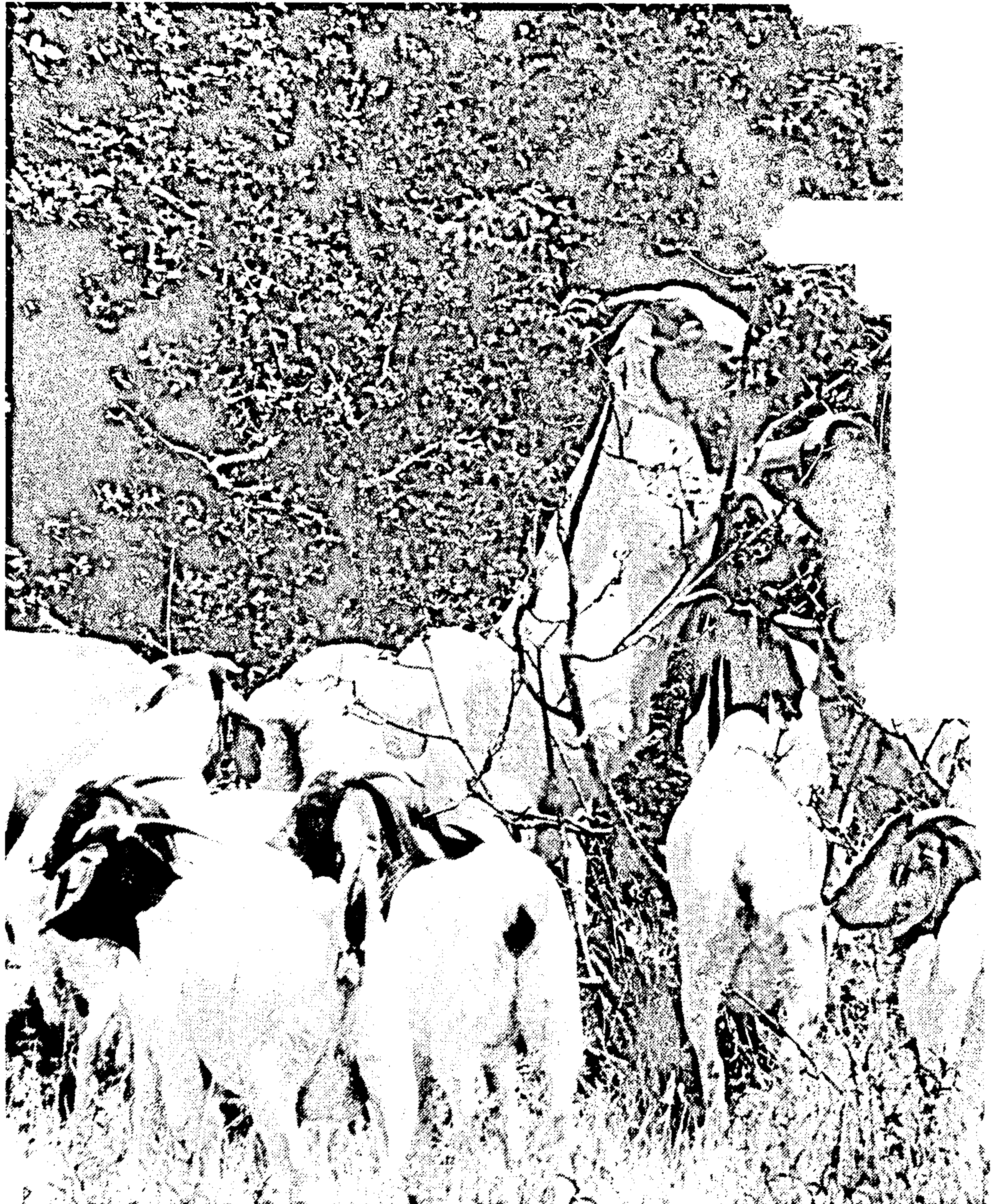
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(WZPS) By eating the undergrowth, goats act as an essential part of the ecosystem, promoting the development of natural vegetation as well as helping in fire prevention by creating “fuel breaks” in the forest. In a special Jewish National Fund (JNF) program of “controlled grazing,” the local goats and their shepherds have enjoyed a mutually beneficial relationship for decades.

But the local Black Alwassi goat, whose numbers are gradually decreasing, has proved problematic in many ways. As a result, in May 1996, JNF initiated the “aliya” of a herd of South African Boer goats—widely considered one of the most hardiest breeds of small livestock in the world.



BY SISSY BLOCK

## SOUTH AFRICAN “OLIM” LIVING IN ISRAEL’S FORESTS





*South African Boer goats, brought to Israel in May 1996, already feel at home at Mitzpe, Mattat, on Israel's northern border.*

*WZPS photo by Avi Hirshfield.*

For many years goats were considered the “public enemy number one” of Israeli forests and its caretakers, the Jewish National Fund (JNF). The animals grazed their way through the woods, eating everything in sight, in effect destroying the local vegetation. So much so that in 1956 the Black Goat Law was passed, banning local goats from their regular feeding grounds. But, as things often turn in the Middle East, he who was once your enemy, may someday become your friend.

The issue that brought the goats and the JNF together was the undergrowth that fills the floors of mature forests. These small bushes, fallen leaves, tinder-dry grass, climbers and low lying leafy branches, make the forest extremely vulnerable to rapidly spreading forest fires. It is also precisely the nutritional sustenance goats need to survive, which in turn allows their mostly Druze, Israeli Arab and Bedouin breeders to make a living from their milk and cheese.

“Letting the goats back in was a very natural solution,” says Dr. Menachem Sachs, JNF’s Head of Afforestation, who originally suggested using goats to maintain the forests (to the ridicule of his superiors). In a special program of “controlled grazing,” the JNF, local Black Alwassi goats and their shepherds, have enjoyed a mutually beneficial relationship for decades. Through a period of intense grazing of specific strips of land from the Carmel range near Haifa to planted desert savannahs in the south, the goats eat the undergrowth which acts as an essential part of the ecosystem, promoting the development of the natural vegetation. What’s more, it also helps create “fuel breaks” in the forest, which in the event of a fire results in a significant reduction in biological fuel and prevents the fire from sweeping across the area.

The JNF and the goats seemed to have found a perfect solution with the goats happily eating the undergrowth

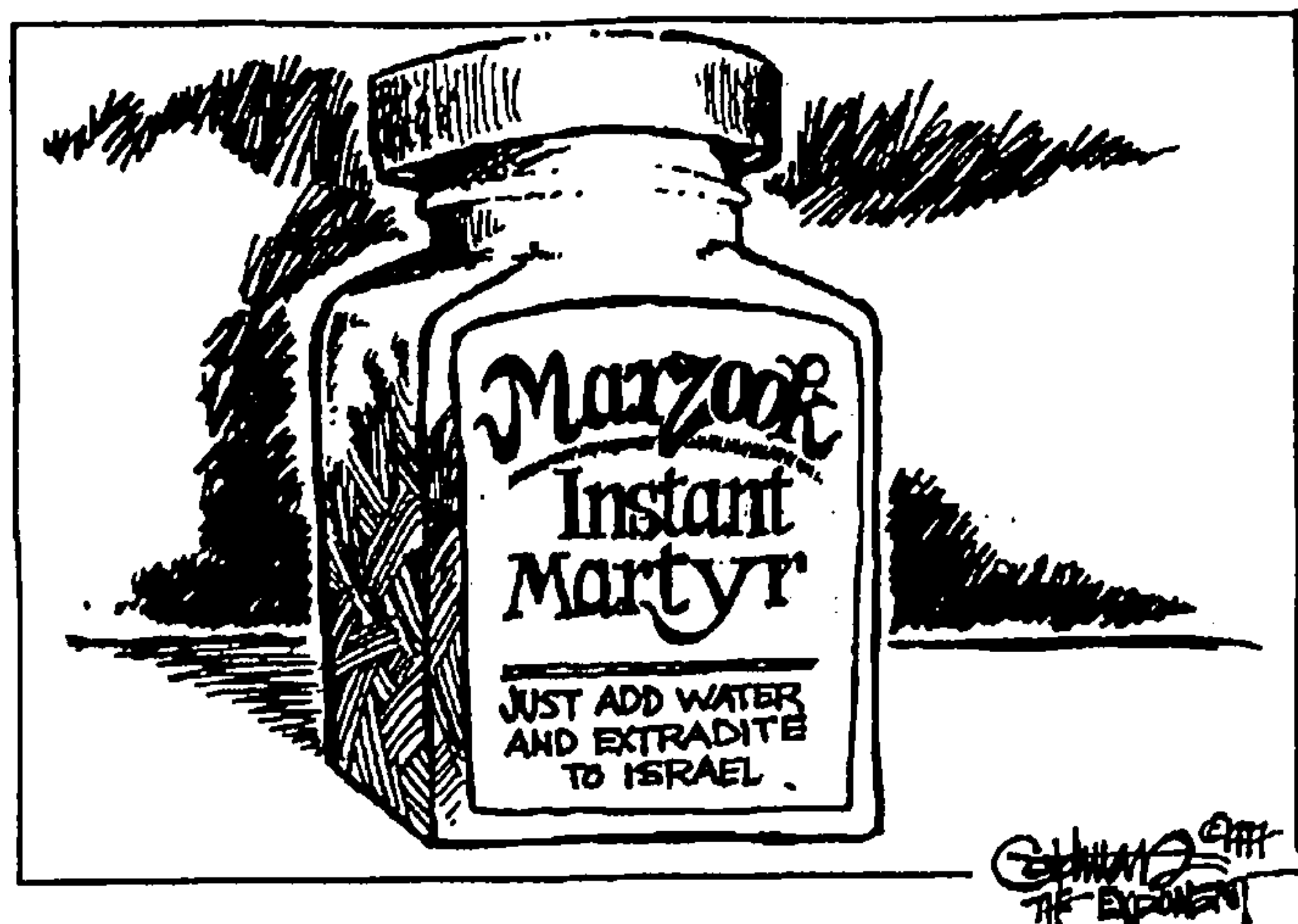


and the JNF providing the grazing land (for a nominal grazing fee that shepherds traditionally pay).

But, in recent years their numbers have steadily decreased and raising the Black Alwassi goat has proved problematic: they tend to eat and run and so are hard to control, they must be milked daily, which involves long hours of manual labor, and they reproduce seasonally, all getting pregnant at the same time, and have only one kid at a time.

As Israeli history reflects, nothing energizes the population like a wave of new immigrants, in this case a herd of South African Boer goats. Their May 1996 "aliya" was initiated by Eran Evron, a Jewish goat breeder from Mitzpe Mattat, situated on Israel's northern border. After 15 years of raising local goats, with all the struggles that entails, he was looking for an easier breed to raise.

The South African Boer goat is widely considered one of the most hardiest breeds of small livestock in the world. They are more docile than the local goat and move slowly and calmly while grazing. They adapt easily to a range of climatic conditions and have sturdy legs to graze in all types of terrain. What's more, they are not milk producers so require less care and are raised for their high meat yield, which is in demand in the region. They are also extremely fertile, delivering three times a year, and always have two kids at a time. Over 80 "sabara" (Israeli-born) goats have been born since their arrival.

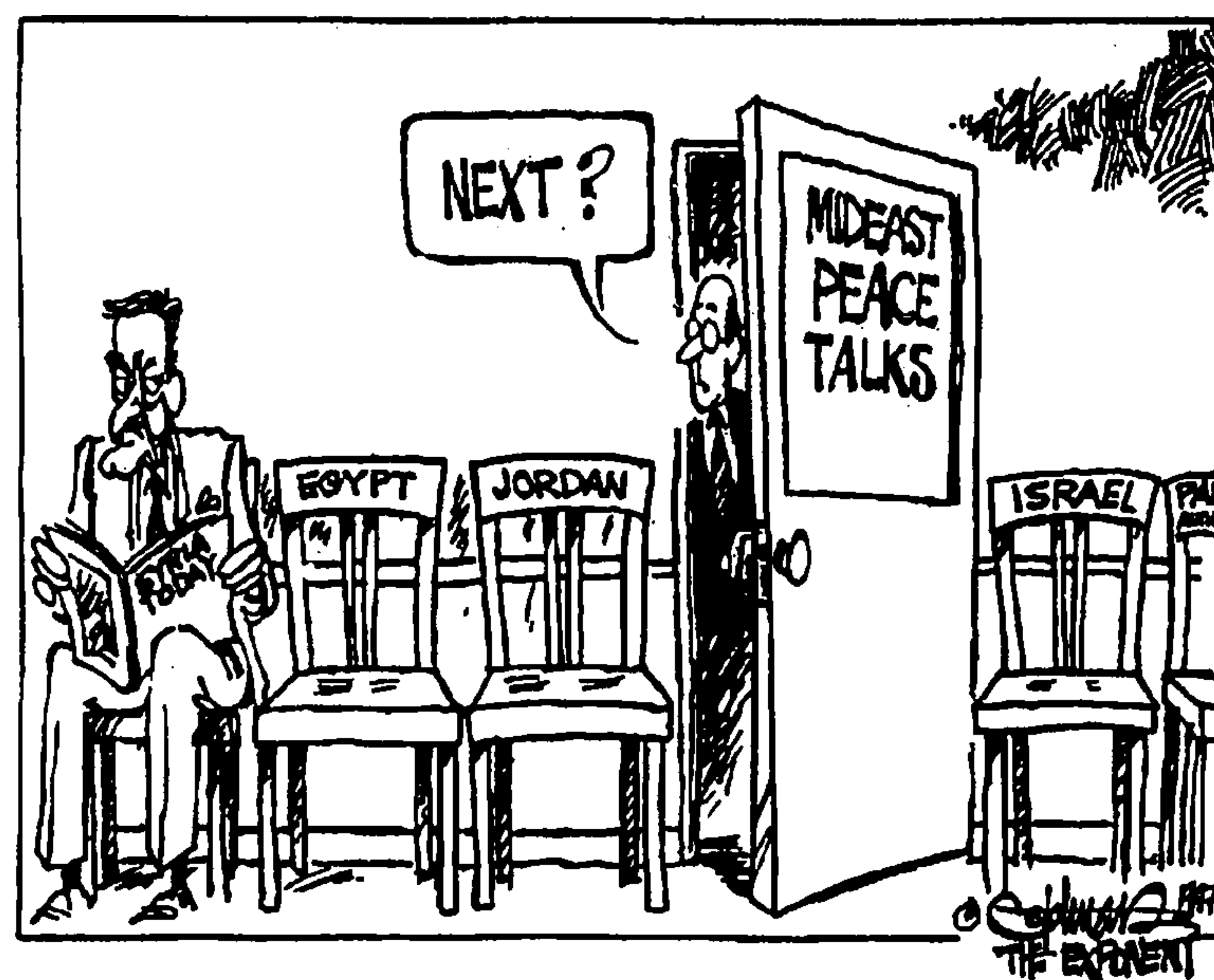


One of the main advantages of this new breed of goat for the JNF is that they tend to gobble up plants that local goats leave behind, leaving the area visibly clean and clear. "They seem to like to eat the less desirable vegetation," says Evron, who works closely with the JNF in monitoring the goats' acclimation to their new home.

A study of the goats and Israeli forests and the effects they have on one another, is now being conducted by Prof. Avi Provolosky of the Agricultural Research Organization of the Volcani Center, the research arm of the Ministry of Agriculture. "We are basically looking at how goats can be used in forest management schemes, managing scrub lands, fire prevention, etc.," says Prof. Provolosky.

However, Prof. Provolosky pointed out that the main issue of using goats in forest maintenance is really an economic one. Goat raising in Israel, he said, must be a viable way for Jewish and Arab farmers to make a living, otherwise there won't be enough goats to use in controlled grazing programs.

But seeing the local Black goats graze side by side with the South African Boer goats, one can only feel that their successful immigration has also been an excellent exercise in coexistence; perhaps one which the peoples of the region would do well to emulate.





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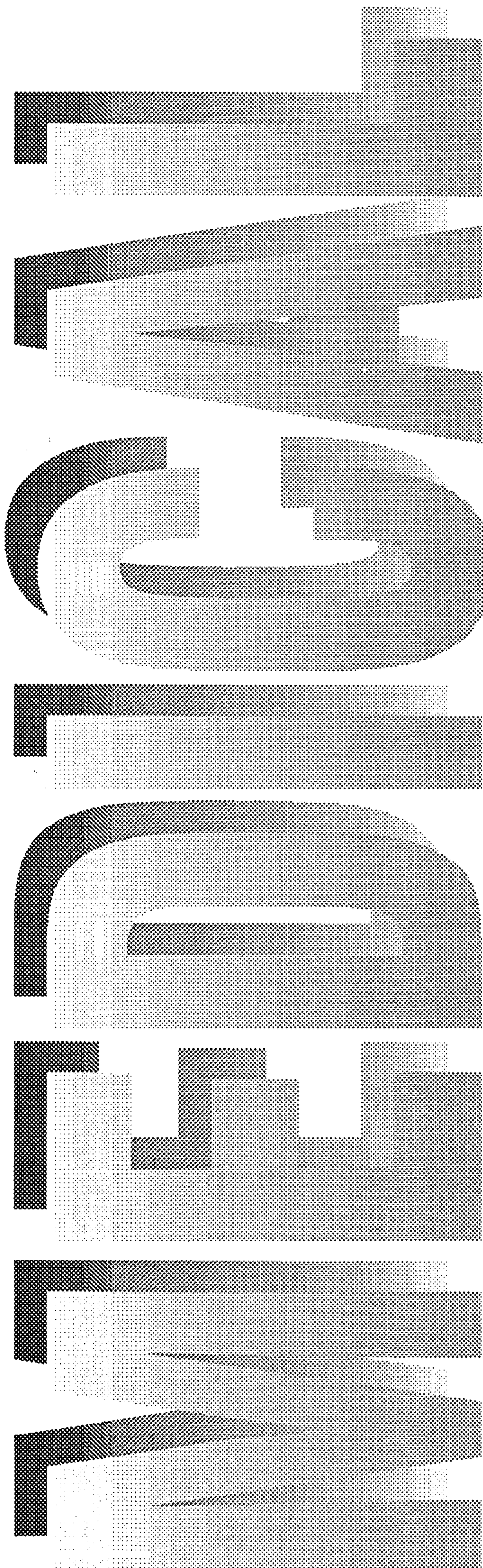
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During World War II, the Evanses signed fifty-five affidavits for refugees from Hitler's Europe, personally guaranteeing a job from an American citizen in order for them to receive a visa. After the creation of the State of Israel in 1948, he and his wife worked for the political support of Israel among North Carolina senators and Congressmen as well as among other political leaders in the South. For seven consecutive years, he headed up the statewide United Jewish Appeal campaign, for ten consecutive years, he was chairman of the statewide Bonds for Israel campaign. Over a fifteen year period from 1971 to 1985, together, he and his wife worked to create and support the Center for Judaic Studies at Duke University.

Mayor Evans grew up in Fayetteville, North Carolina, the son of Jewish immigrants from Lithuania. His father Isaac, started out as a peddler in the South and became a successful furniture store owner and operator in Fayetteville. "Mutt" Evans attended the University of North Carolina from 1924 to 1928, where he lettered in basketball and was a track star, who set the state intercollegiate record in the half mile and who told his son that he was inspired, partly, by Harold Abrahams, the Jewish Olympic runner from England portrayed in the film, *Chariots of Fire*. A trophy is presented annually in his name to the outstanding member of the UNC track team.

While attending UNC, he met Sara Nachamson in Durham, and their unusual Duke-Carolina marriage in 1928 at the Washington Duke Hotel in Durham, with her seven sisters as bridesmaids and her brother as ring-bearer, was a major social and religious event discussed for years.

Mr. Evans is survived by two sons: Robert M. Evans of Atlanta, a former CBS News correspondent in the South and Bureau Chief in Moscow, who served as a special Assistant to the famed Edward R. Murrow in Washington; and Eli N. Evans, a former speechwriter in the Lyndon B. Johnson White House who is the author of three books on Jews in the South and president of the Charles H. Revson Foundation in New York City, and four grandchildren and a great grandchild born on January 8 of this year. He is also survived by a brother, Monroe Evans of Fayetteville, who served as mayor of Fayetteville from 1967 to 69.





## Ancient DNA Testing by Hebrew University Researchers Uncovers Evidence of Infanticide at Ashkelon

Jerusalem—Hebrew University of Jerusalem researchers have uncovered evidence of a surprisingly high incidence of ancient male infanticide through DNA analysis of skeletons found in a sewer beneath a 4th century C.E. Roman bathhouse in Ashkelon.

The discovery refutes earlier beliefs that in Roman culture the killing of male infants was extremely rare, compared to the widespread infanticide of female infants. The DNA testing conducted by The Hebrew University revealed that of the 19 remains analyzed 14 were male and only five were female. Importantly, the research proves the importance of DNA examination of human remains and the contribution to archaeological and anthropological research it makes by providing clear evidence to resolve questions that archaeology alone cannot answer.

The research was carried out by Prof. Ariella Oppenheim, Prof. Patricia Smith, Dr. Marina Faerman, Gila Kahila, Dvora Filon and Prof. Charles Greenblatt of the faculties of Medicine and Dental Medicine at the Hebrew University and Prof. Lawrence Stager of Harvard University.

The discovery of some 100 skeletons of infants was made in the sewer at Ashkelon during archaeological excavations carried out as part of the Leon Levy Ashkelon Expedition. Ashkelon,

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## Key Step in Activating Immune System Discovered

Study may throw light on development of AIDS

Rehovot, Israel—February 6, 1997.

A gene that plays a key role in activating the immune system—and perhaps also in spurring on the human immunodeficiency virus that causes AIDS — has been discovered and cloned by researchers at the Weizmann Institute of Science. Their findings will be reported in the February 6, 1997, issue of *Nature* (Vol. 385, pp. 540-544).

The gene, called NIK, helps remove a molecular “brake” that keeps the immune response in check. Its discovery could lead to the development of drugs to regulate the immune system in a variety of diseases. Drugs that block NIK’s effects might be designed to inhibit unwanted immune responses in autoimmune diseases such as juvenile diabetes or rheumatoid arthritis. Conversely, drugs that enhance NIK’s effects might be designed to augment immunity in immune deficiency diseases.

“NIK activation is a crucial first step in triggering the immune response,” said Prof. David Wallach of the Membrane Research and Biophysics Department, who conducted the study with doctoral students Nikolai Malinin, Mark Boldin and Andrei Kovalenko. Wallach notes that many groups of scientists have been looking for this vital initial step.

“Our finding holds potential for the design of future medications to block or enhance the effects of NIK,

depending on the kind of disease, although we still need to clarify the exact reactions that this molecule sets off,” he says.

### Removing the ‘brake’

Scientists have known for some two decades that a protein called NF-kB is a key molecule in the immune response. NF-kB belongs to the class of proteins known as transcription factors, which “switch on” certain genes and cause particular reactions to take place. In particular, NF-kB switches on several genes involved in the immune and inflammatory responses to disease and infection. But while NF-kB is present in all cells at all times, its effects in healthy cells are usually blocked by a “brake,” an inhibitory protein known as IκB. In healthy cells, NF-kB and IκB are physically attached to one another, but in the case of infection or disease, the “brake” is taken off and destroyed, and NF-kB is set free. Wallach and colleagues set out to find what causes the “brake” to be removed and NF-kB to be activated. As described earlier, they found that the key initial step in this process is the activation of the NIK protein. When they genetically manipulated cells to produce large quantities of NIK, the end result was the activation of NF-kB. Wallach is now studying whether NIK removes the IκB “brake” directly or through other, intermediary steps. He also aims to develop clinical applications for the newly discovered gene and its protein.

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### Triggering the development of AIDS

The discovery of NIK may also throw light on the progress of the HIV virus. Scientists suspect that the virus somehow "recognizes" and responds to NF-kB, seeing it as a signal to become more active. This may explain why HIV carriers often develop full-blown AIDS after suffering from another illness: the other illness results in the activation of NF-kB, which sets off the immune response necessary to combat that illness; but at the same time the activation of NF-kB also spurs on the HIV virus. The Weizmann Institute identification of NIK as a necessary step in the activation of NF-kB may help in the development of drugs that would control NF-kB and through it the progress of HIV.

This research was partly funded by grants from Inter-Lab Ltd. of Nes Ziona, Israel; Ares Trading SA of Switzerland, and Israel's Ministry of Science.

The Weizmann Institute of Science, in Rehovot, Israel, is one of the world's foremost centers of scientific research and graduate study. Its 2,400 scientists, students, technicians, and engineers pursue basic research in the quest for knowledge and the enhancement of the human condition. New ways of fighting disease and hunger, protecting the environment, and harnessing alternative sources of energy are high priorities.

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along Israel's southern coast, was a major seaport in ancient times. It was hypothesized that the bathhouse also functioned as a brothel and that the human infant remains found at the site could have been those of unwanted offspring of the courtesans who worked there. The Hebrew University research team, which has expertise in investigating ancient DNA, was asked to examine the remains.

The bathhouse in question was in use during the late Roman and early Byzantine periods, from the fourth to the sixth centuries C.E. The bathhouse was built over earlier Roman villas, where lamps decorated with erotic images had previously been found. The Greek inscription: "Enter, enjoy and..." was discovered in the bathhouse, indicating that it might also have served as a brothel, a common practice in the Roman empire.

The bones of the infants were found mixed with animal bones, pottery shards and coins, without any signs of orderly burial. This gave further evidence of discarded infants,

especially when compared to the discovery nearby of respectful burials in which infants remains were found in vessels. The Hebrew University researchers determined, on the basis of the size and dental development of the skeletons, that the remains from the sewer were of infants a day or two old. Since the skeletons showed no signs of disease or malformations, the initial assumption was that this was a case of female infanticide. However, the examination of ancient DNA from the bones showed, to the researchers' surprise, that of the 19 left femoral bones that were successfully tested (left femurs were used exclusively to avoid the possibility of testing the same individual twice), 14 were of males and only five females. It was this dramatic finding that led to the assumption that what was found were the discarded remains of babies born to courtesans working at the bathhouse rather than the anticipated "unwanted" female skeletons.

The research project was funded by the National Science Foundation of the Israel Academy of Sciences and the Humanities.





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Fair Oaks residents Sally Waldman and Irene Mendelson enjoy their lunch partners, youth visiting from the Charlotte Jewish Community Center.

Temple Emanuel Pre-School students and residents celebrate Tu B'Shevat together.

The Youth Group of the Jewish Community Center in Charlotte brought smiles and hugs and cookies to our residents on January 20th. The youth came to visit on a school holiday with their advisor, Jennifer Lahn and her husband Jon. After eating lunch and mingling with the residents in the Fair Oaks dining room, the teenagers distributed the cookies which they had baked that morning in Charlotte. They then continued on to the other wings of the Home to greet more residents and distribute more cookies. Thanks girls for bringing sweets and sweetness to everyone.



BJH resident Ida Feinberg enjoys a chat with a visitor from the Charlotte youth group.

BJH resident Anne Nelson spends time with a pre-schooler and his mother at the Tu B'Shevat celebration.



Beautiful music filled the Commons for the January and February birthday parties. David Hyman, classical guitar student, from Greensboro joined the Greensboro volunteers on their visit to BJH and presented a wonderful program of classical music. At the February party, volunteer Edna Temple who plays piano weekly at BJH formed a duo with Recreation Therapist Sally Terreni on Flute for a delightful program of Jewish melodies. Thanks to volunteers whose stirring music lifted the spirits and took the chill off cold winter days.



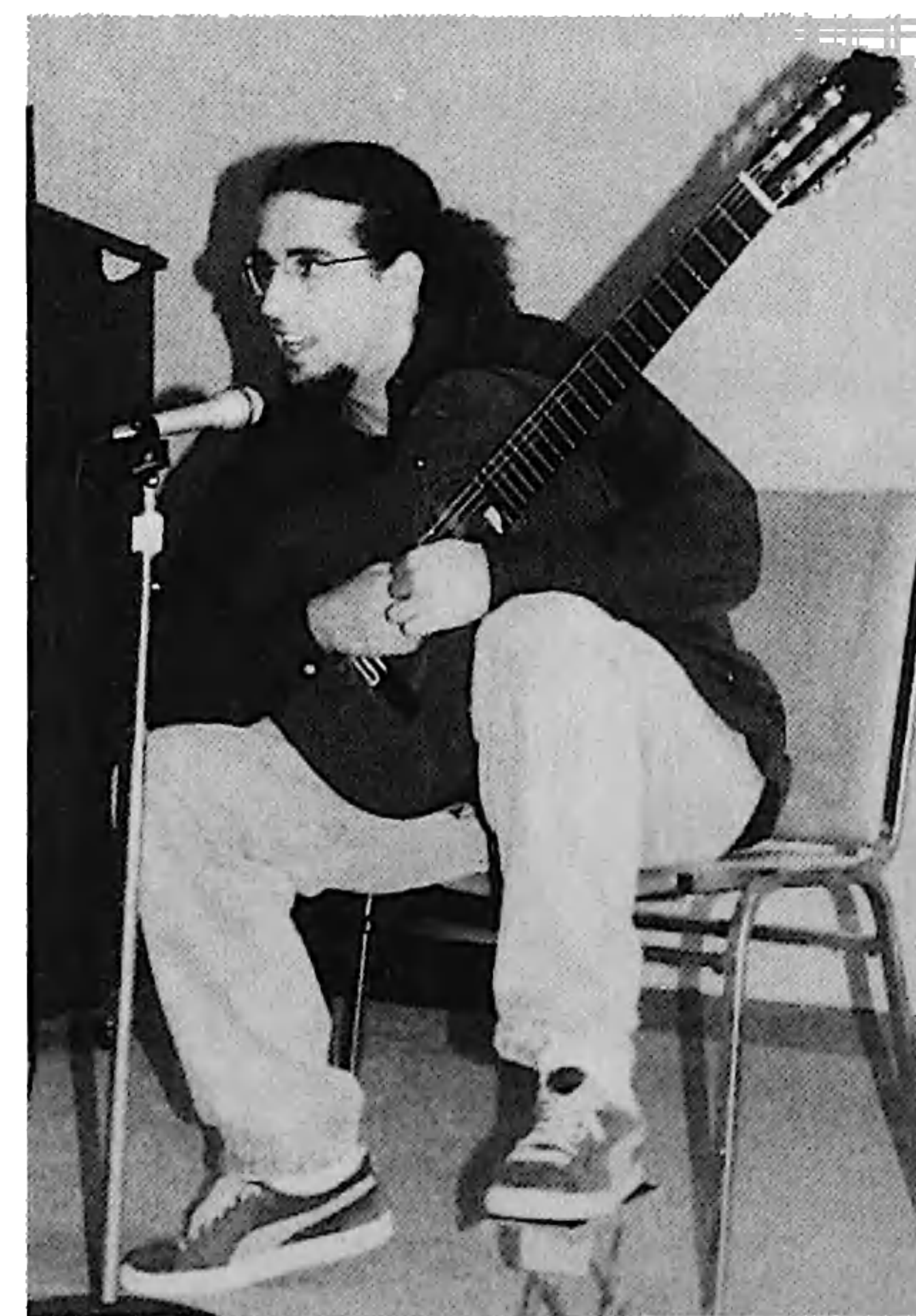
## BJH BRIEFS

Temple Emanuel Pre-school students joined BJH residents to celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the New Year of the Trees in January. Creative collaboration between the generations turned outlines of residents hands into beautiful trees blossoming on paper. Artistic efforts were rewarded as residents and children shared in a Tu B'Shevat Seder and enjoyed delicious holiday fruits, nuts and delicacies as well as each other's company.

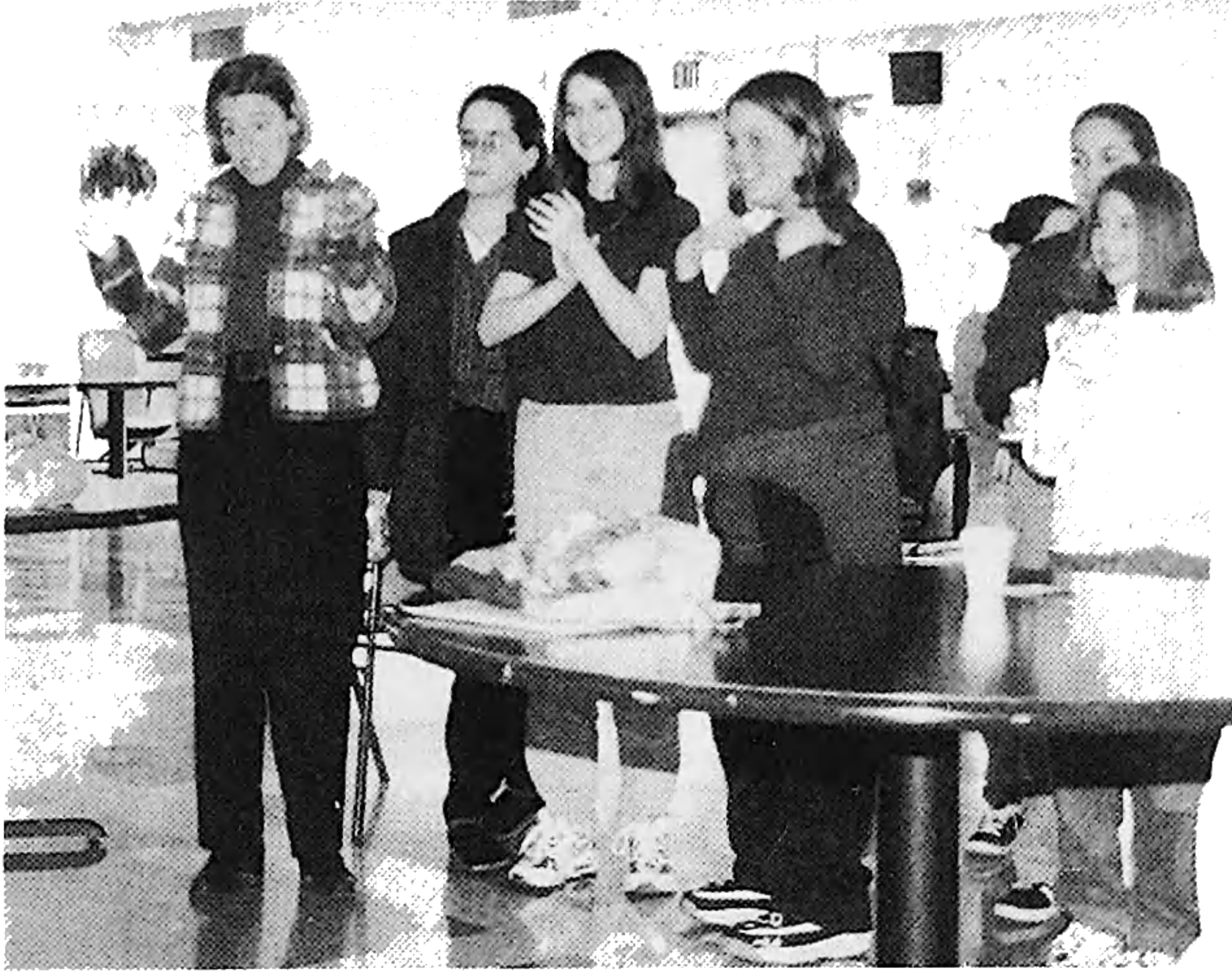


above: Eva Weinberg watches a creative student from the pre-school.

below: David Hyman, Greensboro volunteer, plays classical guitar for the January birthday party.







*above left: Jennifer Lahn and members of the Charlotte JCC Youth Group bring greetings to residents in the A-wing dining room.*

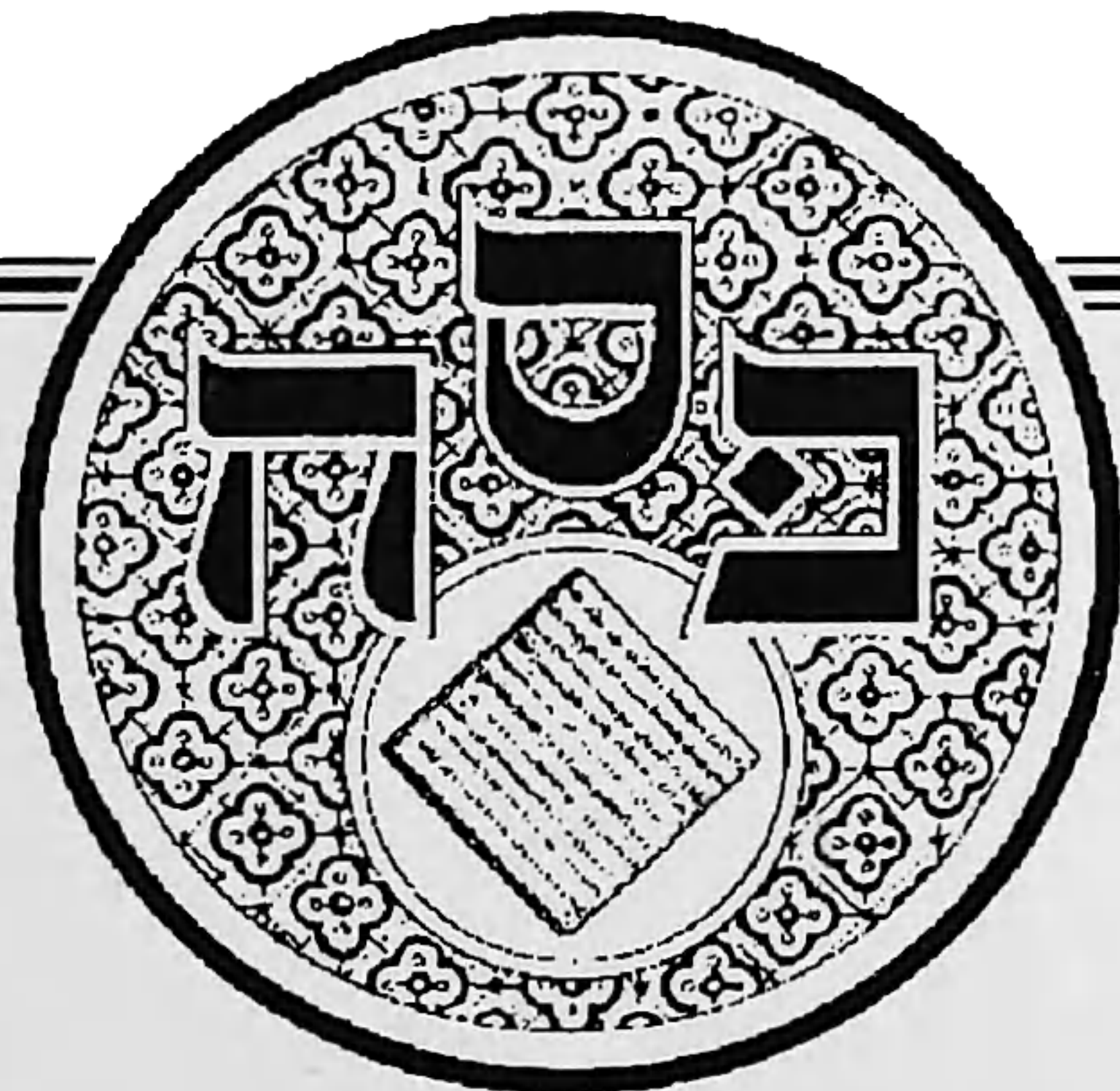


*above right: Fair Oaks residents Hannah Hockfield (left) and Florence Cohen (right) watch a preschooler work on the holiday art project.*

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**Hildegard Oppenheimer**  
New York NY  
**Rachel Smith**  
Clemmons NC



## Blumenthal Jewish Home

### Passover Seders

**Monday, April 21 &  
Tuesday April 22  
Fair Oaks Commons  
6:00 pm**

**Adults: \$12.00 per Seder  
Children: \$6.00 per Seder**

**RSVP by April 7, 1997**



*Lottie Maienthau offers her encouragement to a youngster at the Tu B'Shevat celebration.*



*Greensboro volunteers David Hyman and Scott and Aaron Strasser assist at the January birthday party.*

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following  
staff members who celebrate  
anniversaries of employment in

### March

#### 10 years

Jean Moore, RN

#### 9 years

Leona Cook, CNA

Maggie James, Administration

#### 7 years

Dianne Smith, CNA

#### 6 years

Wanda King, Laundry

#### 4 years

Suzanne Bennett, RN

Brenda Walters, CNA

#### 3 years

Jeanette Conrad, CNA

Joe Roberts, Dietary

#### 2 years

Kathy Reagan, Recreation



# Sue's News

The BJH bus was on the road again twice in January for luncheons with Greensboro friends and volunteers. The monthly Starmount Luncheon sponsored by the volunteers always offers delicious food, warm friendship and the added treat of Rabbinic commentary and music with Rabbi Fred Guttman from Temple Emanuel in Greensboro. This treat was doubled when Marilyn Belenky, Director of the Greensboro Friendship Circle, and the Greensboro volunteers invited BJH residents to return for a joint luncheon with Friendship Circle members, the seniors group held at Temple Emanuel. Highlights of this special day were many and included delicious home cooked soup and baked goods worthy of memories. Sparkling klezmer, jazz and popular music were performed by Greensboro musicians highlighted by a terrific duet by our own resident Dorothy Rogat and new Greensboro friend Joe Bolot. Most valued of all were the treasured reunions with old friends for residents from the area and visiting with new friends for others. BJH is grateful to its friends and volunteers in Greensboro for warming our hearts this winter in so many ways.



*Greensboro volunteers take a bow after hosting a delicious luncheon for BJH residents and Friendship Circle members at Temple Emanuel in Greensboro. Seen from the left are: Anita Rubin, Scott Strasser, Reggie Smith, a Temple employee, Jeanne Pratt, Sheila Herman, Polly Strasser, Alice Roemer and Marilyn Belenky.*



*(left) BJH resident Herman Nove enjoys meeting a Friendship Circle member at the luncheon. (right) BJH resident Eva Kaplan (center) has a reunion with her son and long time friends at the luncheon in Greensboro.*



*Rabbi Fred Guttman of Temple Emanuel in Greensboro greets Fair Oaks resident Elsie Karesh at the Starmount luncheon.*



*BJH resident Jack Tenenbaum meets an old friend, Peggy Tager, at the Friendship Circle luncheon in Greensboro.*





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## Millie's Musings

The motivation to volunteer certainly comes from a different source for everyone who embraces mitzvot as an integral part of their lives. Whatever the reasons or whenever the source, the benefits derived by the volunteers are many, shaping their lives today and tomorrow. This is especially true when the volunteers are teenagers who personally initiated the connection between themselves and the residents. BJH is blessed with young people who volunteered all during the summer months to call bingo, to visit one-on-one, to bring their dog for the residents to cuddle and their rabbit to sniff around. They wheeled residents outside for sunshine therapy, they decorated rooms for parties, they helped feed the residents after receiving careful instructions from the nursing staff, they played games and worked puzzles, they helped in the craft shop and they went shopping at the Mall with us. **THEY BECAME PART OF OUR FAMILY!**

And then summer ended and school started but our young volunteers did not stop. Whenever they can, weekdays and weekends, they are here doing the same things they did all summer. Jess and Loriann Porcari, Lindsay Kasper, Brandee Howell and Adria Smith are the young ladies who comprise this elite group. On January 3rd, the staff and residents hosted an ice-cream social to express our appreciation to them. Many residents spoke and a few tears of love and joy trickled down their faces.

What a wonderful feeling to witness these young people involved in a positive experience that will influence them all of their lives. To sample a positive experience for yourself try volunteering at BJH; call Millie Slatkoff, Volunteer Coordinator, at 910-766-6401.



*Jess Porcari and Lindsay Kasper introduce Jess's brother to new resident Jeannette Freund.*



*Jess receives a hug from good friend, Mickey Samet at the appreciation party for the teens.*



*Adria Smith (left) and Loriann Porcari bring their rabbits to visit with the residents.*



*Teen volunteers attending the appreciation party with the residents are seen with Millie Slatkoff, Volunteer coordinator; from the left are: Lindsay Kasper, Jess Porcari, Millie Slatkoff and Loriann Porcari.*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March

Karl Cahn  
Velma Carter  
Herbert Doty  
Mary Garner  
Ruby Garwood  
Betty Gay  
Harriette Hildebrand  
Robert Little  
Ruth Mandel  
Elsie McCarthy  
Nona Meigs  
Gladys Poindexter  
Thelma Richardson  
Charles Schwartz  
Anne Stockert  
Jack Tenenbaum  
Georgia Watts  
Irene West

## WISH LIST

Item	Price
Single Section Roll-In Refrigerator	\$3,000.00
Food Processor Hobart #FP100	\$1,600.00
Food Processor Hobart #FP61	\$1,500.00
Special Holiday Concerts, e.g. Chanukah Party, Sukkot Celebration and Mayfest	\$1,000.00
Poly-fill for Craft Shop items	\$ 300.00
Pan Rack ADE 1B1B/KDA	\$ 200.00
Clothing Fund For Indigent Residents	\$ 200.00
VCR	\$ 200.00
Koss Personal AM/FM Stereo Cassette Players	\$ 90.00

We invite you to help us purchase these items. If you are interested, please send your check to: The Blumenthal Jewish Home 7870

Fair Oaks Drive Clemmons, NC27012

If you have any questions, please call Seth Levy at (910) 766-6401.

We shall provide appropriate recognition for the items which are purchased.

**BJH**  
*Chai-lights Editor*  
**Sue Clein**

*Enjoying the Friendship Circle luncheon in Greensboro are: ( in the foreground) Fair Oaks resident Shirley Shane with her daughter Sheila Herman and volunteer Polly Strasser. Seen in the background are BJH residents and Friendship Circle members dining together.*



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Audrey Madans

# THE BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME ANNUAL REPORT 1995-96

**President's Report, by Audrey  
Madans**

*(delivered at the Annual Meeting, October 27, 1996)*

Ladies and gentlemen, guests, members of the Blumenthal Jewish Home, residents and staff . . . it gives me great pleasure to greet you and to recap the events of the past year at BJH.

As many of you are aware, we closed the lower floor of Fair Oaks this year due to several factors including some physical and mechanical problems which needed correcting. The overall facility - that is, Fair Oaks and the nursing wings - is aging in place. But let me assure you that many of the physical and mechanical problems have been corrected or are in the process of being addressed by the wonderful house & grounds committee chaired by the capable leadership of Michael Schiftan. Over \$215,000 worth of repairs and improvements were completed during this 1995-96 year. Some major projects included upgrades to our emergency generators and our fire alarm system. We increased our hot water supply and efficiency. We have repaired the B wing roof. And after having experienced the devastating loss of our bus this past winter and having to go through many months of anticipation and waiting, our new bus has arrived!

After completing a careful and

exhaustive interview process, we engaged a person to fill the position of facility manager. This person will oversee housekeeping, laundry and maintenance. In addition, we are in contract negotiations with a very fine food service company - Bateman nutrition and health care service.

Every year, the weather manages to give us some anxious moments, and this year was no exception. But Seth Levy, Patsy Petree, Tad McClamrock, Lydia Sparrow . . . in fact the entire staff . . . even Duke Power . . . unquestioningly came to our rescue and helped everyone and everything run as smoothly as possible. While on the subject of staff, let me repeat how very lucky we are to have the best team for which anyone could ask . . . management, nursing, food services, maintenance, social services, recreation, laundry, housekeeping . . . you name it . . . they are what makes the Home so special.

On a personal note, many of you may be aware that I buried my daddy, Maurice Rogovin, last Sunday. In his earlier years here as a resident, he would walk all over this facility . . . even helped to supervise the building of Fair Oaks. He often expressed to me and my friends, "What a great place this is. Everyone just makes me

feel so welcomed . . . how clean it is here . . . you can even eat off the floors." As he aged in place, he needed more and more nursing care and assistance. For 10 years, the nursing staff on B1 treated him with all the loving care and expertise they would one of their own family, just as they treat all their residents I might add. Can I ever thank them enough? Probably not. But my personal thanks to all of them and to all of our nursing staff as well as other staff members.

Speaking of our employees, this year we saw to it that they have new health and dental insurance, and the board is looking into the feasibility of an employee retirement plan. We've experienced a certified nursing assistant shortage, and to help combat this situation, we have entered into an agreement with Forsyth Technical Community College to conduct CNA training here at the Home as a way to recruit more nursing assistants. This year, we also updated the personnel code for all employees.

Seth and I travelled from Raleigh to Asheville and many places in between, and wherever we went, people were most complimentary about BJH. By travelling to other Jewish communities, we have been able to become more involved with them,



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Seth Levy

# EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1995-96

by Seth D. Levy

The Jewish year 5757, or 1996-97 as most may know it, will continue to hold days filled with many challenges to which the Blumenthal Jewish Home will have to respond. Changes that, if enacted, would have an effect on older adults still permeate the air in Washington as politicians and the federal government continue to discuss and focus their rhetoric on Medicare, Medicaid and other entitlement programs from which the elderly derive some benefit. For every dollar saved in an effort to balance the budget, older adults, who are the members of our society who built this great nation, will have to pay a price.

The recent passing of the Welfare Reform Act is the latest attack on entitlements which could have an impact on the Home's residents. Buried in the bill are all kinds of new legislative initiatives targeted at immigrants. Immigrants, especially those at the Home, could lose all Social Security and Medicaid benefits after five years in the country. The financial ramifications of this could be tremendous.

On the state level, managed care has finally begun to arrive in North Carolina. National and local HMO's are battling each other for business while engulfing physicians into large networks where they (the physicians), or as they are now called "gatekeepers," control an elderly person's - as well as our own - destiny and care. What is going to happen to human sensitivity and caring in the

provision of medical care to the elderly? What is the quality of care older adults are receiving if they have to leave the hospital before their recovery is complete? Will it become impossible to see a specialist if specialized care is necessary?

In this era of public observation and close scrutiny, regulations continue to change and increase in number for those providers who care for America's graying population. Thanks to the media, the focus on long term care never seems to cease, and residing in a nursing or adult care facility is usually portrayed as a horror. Long term care facilities face civil penalties and monetary fines if outcome-based quality care is not being provided. It appears that the long term care industry must, more and more, concentrate all efforts (and fears) on the regulators and regulations rather than on a mission and personalized care.

If all of this is not enough, add in the financial concerns of providing care to a population which does not have the funds necessary to reside in long term care facilities. Old time, loyal contributors to Jewish organizations are passing away, and we Jews are entering a time where our young, many of whom have benefited from the transfer of wealth and many of whom have had minimal exposure to the traditional extended family, are forgetting about their Jewishness and the price of being Jewish. In my

travels throughout the Carolinas, I see a great deal of interest among younger Jews in promoting Jewish education and reaching out to the unaffiliated. In addition, they seem to focus on generalized, non-Jewish community programs and fund raising campaigns.

Furthermore, the problems of trying to recruit and retain staff needed to perform thankless and back-breaking work in an environment where people are needing more and more care are tremendous.

When you consider all these road blocks, it becomes evident that the Blumenthal Jewish Home faces monumental challenges in the future. The pressure is building, and the players of today may not be able to survive and be around tomorrow.

Now I'd like to talk about the Home itself . . . about the wonderful place it is and the wonderful care its residents receive. Let me tell you why there will always be a Jewish Home for Carolinian older adults in need and how you can become involved in securing the future of the Home.

The Blumenthal Jewish Home and Fair Oaks Assisted Living Facility is home for some 78 Jewish residents. This amounts to 51% of the total number of residents. Sixty-two percent (62%) of the Jewish residents living in the facility receive some type of financial assistance from the Home.



During the 1996-97 fiscal year, we anticipate that financial assistance from the home to care for and support medically indigent residents will be close to \$500,000! And, as in years past, the number of medically indigent residents always continues to rise.

Our residents are living longer and longer. Today, their average age is 86.5 years. As older adults age, their physical and mental conditions deteriorate making it necessary for them to live several years in a long term care setting. The average length of stay at our nursing facility is 4 years whereas the national average length of stay is 1.7 years. While all residents are requiring more and more care, 84% are already either totally dependent or need the assistance of at least two staff members for the provision of activities of daily living, (bathing, dressing, transferring, toileting, eating). Furthermore, 74% of our nursing home residents suffer from some kind of dementia or cognitive problem.

The care at the Home always has been and still is second to none. Reaching one's highest level of functioning, self worth, dignity, quality of care - this is what we're all about and our reputation is well known statewide. During our recent annual survey by the North Carolina Division of Facility Services, only one minor deficiency was noted with regard to resident care. Members of the Nursing Home Advisory Committee, who are required to survey the Home quarterly, have found us to be deficiency free time and time again.

I have had the privilege of visiting the majority of Jewish communities that provide financial support to the Home. The 14 federations and/or Jewish communities affiliated with the Home contributed in excess of \$210,000

during 1995-96 fiscal year which helped offset the cost of care for the Jewish medically indigent residents by 43%. The major metropolitan Jewish communities have continually remained active not only in their monetary support but also in their involving the Home in local community programs and activities. I look forward to my continued relationship with all the Jewish communities in the Carolinas.

An organization is only as good as those who guide it, and we are fortunate to have individuals directing the Home who possess excellent leadership skills. I would like to personally thank Audrey Madans for her guidance and support over the past 24 months, and I look forward to the next 12 months under her presidency. The members of our board of trustees are an intelligent, committed, genuinely concerned group of individuals who have devoted many hours of time and much energy on behalf of the Home. The board has been fiscally responsible in preparing the budget for the new fiscal year. I would like to extend a special thank you to members of the executive committee and committee chairs who have always made themselves available when I have needed assistance. This past year, especially, board members have demonstrated wisdom and insight in their willingness to look to the future. I have no doubt that the board of trustees will continue to meet the many challenges that face us so that we will be able to continue the mission of the Home into the 21st century.

Over 36% of our work force has been employed here for more than five years. The longevity of this segment of our staff is a testament to their dedication and concern for the elderly. Your loved ones are most fortunate to

receive around-the-clock care by this top notch professional group . . . from the department heads to the 185 plus employees. The simple fact that residents of the Home experience a length of stay twice the national average speaks to the philosophy and level of care the employees provide to our residents. The good things you see and hear about are a result of their very hard, and many times thankless, work and their ongoing commitment. The love in their hearts becomes evident in their care. They have met every challenge this past year with a smile and a willingness to work and overcome any difficulty. Kudos to all of them!

When one speaks of becoming involved with and securing the future of the Home, a financial commitment, of course, is what comes to mind most of the time. But, even more importantly, the act of volunteering is a wonderful way in which a concerned individual can help. I would like to thank the many volunteers who give their valuable time to the residents and employees of the Home. Your mitzvot (good deeds) do not go unnoticed, and there is no way that we could ever duplicate what you do. Volunteers tell me they get a "special feeling" from helping others. We always need volunteers. If you have the time and inclination, we can find a job for you!

If you have not yet become a member of the Home through the our annual membership drive, I encourage you to take an envelope off the table and return it to the Home. Your active membership helps us accomplish a myriad of wonderful things.

Let me conclude by welcoming the challenges the future holds. I hope each of you will be a part of sharing the Home's dreams and committing yourself to their fulfillment.



# Minutes of the Thirty-First Annual Membership Meeting of the Blumenthal Jewish Home for the Aged October 27, 1996

The thirty-first annual meeting of the membership of Blumenthal Jewish Home was held at the Home on October 27, 1996.

Following a traditional dairy brunch, President Audrey Madans called the meeting to order. She welcomed everyone and expressed appreciation to the staff members in the Department of Dining Services for providing a delicious meal, and she thanked staff members from all other departments in the Home for their hard work in preparing for this meeting. Mrs. Madans recognized Mr. Elbert Levy, the Home's first Executive Director who was present at today's meeting, and Messrs. Milton Goldberg and Marvin Zerden, both of whom are long-time friends of the Home, who were also in attendance. Mrs. Madans extended thanks to Dr. Linda Combs, chairperson of this year's annual meeting, as well as to all members of the Board of Trustees who were instrumental in organizing and assisting with this thirty-first gathering of the membership.

The invocation was given by Rabbi Israel Gerber of Charlotte.

A booklet entitled "Thirty-First Annual Meeting" was distributed with report summaries by officers, staff members, and committee chairs. A copy of this booklet will be attached to the original minutes document maintained at the Home.

The minutes of the annual meeting held on October 29, 1995, which were printed in the "Thirty-First Annual Meeting" booklet, were unanimously approved by the membership.

Seth D. Levy presented his annual Executive Vice President's report followed by an update on development and membership (see booklet). He then gave special recognition to Mr. Herman Blumenthal for his ongoing friendship to the Home. In addition, Mr. Levy acknowledged Mrs. Madans for her guidance and support, and he praised CAJWM members for all their hard work on the organization's many worthy projects which benefit the Home. Mr. Sam Jacobson, who recently retired as the Home's Religious Director, was introduced and thanked for his many years of dedicated service. Finally, Mr. Levy asked all employees who were in attendance to stand and be recognized for their commitment to maintaining the very best in nursing care for our elderly.

Esther Frank spoke on behalf of the Carolinas Association of Jewish Women and Men in place of Irving Brenner, President of CAJWM, who was unable to attend today's meeting. Mrs. Frank announced that the association's membership numbered 1,250 this year. She also recognized the association's continuing support of the Gertrude Weil Scholarship Fund, Sophie Einstein Memorial Loan Fund, CAJE, and the Blumenthal Jewish Home for the Aged. She presented Mrs. Madans with a check for \$7,500 which was raised through the CAJWM's annual membership dues. This amount was over and above the funds received through donations to the association's Remembrance Fund which were also given to BJH. In addition, several "wish list" items were purchased with CAJWM monies for the Home over the course of this last year.

Elizabeth Small presented the Home Store's annual gift to Mrs. Madans which, this year, amounted to \$5,000.

Ellis Berlin, in the absence of Nominating Committee Chair Lewis Eisenstadt, presented the following slate of officers to serve for 1996-97:

<i>President</i>	<i>Audrey Madans</i> <i>Charlotte, NC</i>
<i>President Elect</i>	<i>Al Herman</i> <i>Greensboro, NC</i>
<i>1st Vice Pres.</i>	<i>Eric Handler</i> <i>Greensboro, NC</i>
<i>2nd Vice Pres.</i>	<i>Ron Weiner</i> <i>Charlotte, NC</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>David Plyler</i> <i>Kernersville, NC</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Michael Schifftan</i> <i>Greensboro, NC</i>
<i>Immed. Past Pres.</i>	<i>Lewis Eisenstadt</i> <i>Greenville, SC</i>

Past elected Board members whose terms have ended were acknowledged and presented with a personalized paperweight: Mrs. Sandra Deckelbaum; Mr. Stanley Greenspon; Mrs. Florence Jaffa; Mr. Bert Lynch.

The 1995-96 presidential appointees to the Board were recognized and thanked for their service: Dr. Linda Combs, Mrs. Ruth Goldberg, Mr. Shelton Gorelick, Mr. Ron Green; Mr. David Rosenblutt.

Appointees to the Board for 1996-97 were introduced: Dr. Linda Combs; Mr. Bert Lynch; Mrs. Florence Jaffa who will serve as the CAJWM representative.

The following were nominated to serve as elected members of the Board of Trustees:

## 3-Year Term (1996-99)

<i>Shelton Gorelick</i>	<i>Charlotte, NC</i>
<i>Ron Green</i>	<i>Greensboro, NC</i>
<i>Eric Handler</i>	<i>Greensboro, NC</i>
<i>David Rosenblutt</i>	<i>High Point, NC</i>
<i>Howard Silverstein</i>	<i>Greensboro, NC</i>

## 2-Year Term (1996-98)

<i>David Moff</i>	<i>Greensboro, NC</i>
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There having been no other nominations received prior to this annual meeting in accordance with the guidelines stipulated in the Bylaws document, the membership accepted the nominees by acclamation. (Officers will be elected by the Board of Trustees immediately following this meeting.)

The President's annual address was presented by Mrs. Madans (refer to booklet).

Esther and Arthur Frank distributed door prizes to the membership and checks to the five winners of the annual fund raiser drawing. Mrs. Frank acknowledged Mr. Marvin Zerden who sold 44 fund raiser tickets this year. She then presented, on behalf of CAJWM, a check to Mrs. Madans for \$8,000 representing all proceeds from this event.

Audrey Madans closed the meeting by again thanking all those who worked so hard in organizing today's meeting.

The benediction was given by Rabbi Marla Subeck of Winston-Salem.

The meeting was adjourned with the election of officers by the Board of Trustees to follow immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schifftan, Secretary



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# TEMPLE news

## Temple Beth Shalom Hickory NC

by Terri Sullivan

In August of 1996, the Hickory community lost a devoted friend. Harriet Sederholm was a friend not only to the Jewish community, but to the entire Catawba County area as well. Harriet worked for The Department of Social Services for 25 years and during that time was an advocate for families, children, the elderly and the disabled.

Because of Harriet's many contributions to so many, a scholarship fund has been established in her name to perpetuate her ideals, her boundless efforts to help those less fortunate—specifically financially needy Jewish youth.

The Harriet Sederholm Memorial Scholarship Fund is under the auspices of Temple Beth Shalom and is administered by a board of four trustees. The purpose of the fund will be to provide financial aid to Jewish youth to enable them to attend a session of a recognized Jewish summer camp, and also to provide aid, as necessary, to a Jewish youth to matriculate in an institution of higher learning in North Carolina.

Our community is being encouraged to contribute to this very worthwhile cause. We invite inquiries and

suggestions from any interested parties across the state. And, of course, any contributions would be appreciated—not only by those of us working together on this important cause, but by all the many friends and co-workers of Harriet Sederholm who remember with love and affection all the countless people whose lives were touched by this caring and giving woman.

Please address any inquiries, suggestions or checks to: Temple Beth Shalom, P.O. Box 9142, Hickory NC 28603, Attention: Harriet Sederholm Scholarship Fund.

## Temple B'nai Sholem New Bern NC

by Dr. Marilyn Stern

Our 88-year old Temple is located in the heart of New Bern's historic district. A few telltale signs of damage from hurricanes Bertha and Fran remain visible in the area. Our Temple sustained no serious damage, but our Hebrew cemetery required removal of many fallen tree limbs and repairs to fencing and grave markers. Welcome signs of spring are here and we hope readers will come and visit us. Our congregation has grown to over 40 households from Carteret, Craven and Pamlico counties. Because we do not have a rabbi, lay leaders take turns conducting Shabbat eve worship services on the 2nd and 4th Fridays

of each month. Our Religious School meets at 10:30 am every Sunday.

We are fortunate to have Reform rabbis in the area who officiate at ceremonies. In November we had a baby naming and a triple wedding! On November 30, Rabbi James Apple came from Wilmington for the naming of Beth and Patrick Bucksot's son David and the renewal of wedding vows of three couples from the congregation. The three couples were Paula and James Panknin, Sara and William Porter, and Marilyn and Jacob Stern. On February 1, Rabbi David Rose is coming from Kinston for the Bar Mitzvah of Brian Satz, son of Stanley and Marie Satz.

Three of our members were recently recognized for their outstanding work and service. Poetry by Darlene Debardellben was exhibited at Bank of the Arts in New Bern and has been accepted by the Holocaust Museum in Washington DC, Carole Greenberg, who teaches at Pollocksville Elementary School in Pollocksville NC, was selected as Jones County's Teacher of the Year. Jacob Stern was named as Citizen of the Year by Pamlico County's Chamber of Commerce.

Our Sisterhood's Spring Fashion Show will be held at the Sheraton Grand in New Bern on March 8. Our Religious School students and staff are excited about their upcoming Purim celebration. Members of the congregation will conduct tours of our Temple during New Bern's annual Spring Homes Tour which features houses of worship as well as private residences in the historic district. Plans for a community seder on the eve of Passover are under way.



7:30 PM, with plenty of food, fun, laughs, and prizes.

### **SISTERHOOD**

Beth Israel and Beth Ha-Tephila Sisterhoods enjoyed a casual, informal get together lunch at Trevi on January 30.

### **THE EIGHT O'CLOCK ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE**

On February 14, the program for the evening at the 8 o'clock service was "For the Love of Faith" (Feelings of Jews by Choice).

### **"HOW THEIR HEARTS MUST HAVE TREMBLED"**

The Jewish community presented a photographic and documentary exhibit telling the story of children during the Holocaust. "How Their Hearts Must Have Trembled" will be on display at the Jewish Community Center February 1 through March 9, 1997. This exhibit of fifty-six photographs and fifty-one laminated narratives very graphically and movingly shows the life and experiences of these children. There will be a number of special programs that will take place in conjunction with this exhibit. The Asheville Community Theater will be producing "The Diary of Anne Frank" weekends from

Arboretum.

At the group dynamics meetings, members learned about adult-teenager interaction and at the hiking meeting, in addition to hiking they learned about Tu b'Shevat.

### **IT'S A GIRL!**

Congratulations to Joe and Gretchen Barkowitz on the birth of Margareta (Maggie) Anna on December 26.

### **MAZEL TOV!**

To Marty and Barbara Kramer, on the birth of their grandson, Louis Raymond Cole, born on December 4, in New Hampshire.

### **NEW ONEG COORDINATORS**

After doing such a superb job on coordinating Onegs, Adele Rose and Barbara Kramer handed over the reins in scheduling Onegs and Kiddushs to Evelyn Landsberg, Chair, and Doris Abramson, Co-Chair, an equally efficient twosome.

### **NEW HEBREW CLASS**

The new class began on January 12. This class is for learning the Alef-Bet and after seven classes, students were able to read Hebrew. Miracle of miracles!

In the sixteenth century, the Kabbalists of Safed in Israel celebrated Tu b'Shevat with a seder to honor all nature.

During the course of the seder we sampled four cups of wine of varying colors, symbolizing the four different seasons of the year. Four categories of fruits were eaten, interspersed with songs, prayers, and explanations of their significance.

Phil and Carol Cohen conducted the seder. The entire community was invited to attend and participate.

### **HADASSAH PRESENTS: TRAINING WHEELS—AL GALGALIM**

Hadassah presents yet another program, Training Wheels—Al Galgalim: Cycling Through the Jewish Year with Hadassah for Families of Children Ages 2-5. Members were invited to join for programs that enrich Jewish life. A wide variety of activities for parents, grandparents, and young children to enjoy together were incorporated.

The topics were: Tu b'Shevat, Shabbat, Purim, Passover, Israel Independence Day, and Shavuot. These programs take place once a month, from January through June.



## Temple Beth haTephila

Asheville NC

by Marjorie Schachter

**THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE**, meeting at Morris and Leah Karpen's on Saturday, November 9, concentrated on the question of "Who are the Authentic Jews?" As is so often the case, the answer depended not only upon who was asking the question, but who was answering. The lively discussion was led by Larry Rapoport. Pre-discussion refreshments were supplied by Reny and Wally Wolf.

On Saturday, December 14, the group considered the question "Should Popular Culture Define Synagogue Music?" David Cohen, the Temple's music director, was special guest, Les Schachter was discussion leader, and Mark Boyd supplied the refreshments.

And on Saturday, January 11, Joe Puder, Director of the Jewish Chautauqua Society in New York, native Israeli and compelling speaker, offered his unique insights on the Israelis vis-à-vis the Palestinians and on the chances for peace, and expressed the belief that the most helpful thing American Jews can do for Israel, rather than simply contributing money, is to invest in it.

**SISTERHOOD** co-presidents Julie Lee and Shirley Rapoport thanked Brenda Abrams and Rosalie Schrier of the Ways and Means Committee for their efforts in connection with Sisterhood's formal visitations to bereaved families and to the Summit, a local retirement facility that is home to several Beth haTephila members.

Co-Presidents Shirley Rapoport and Julie Lee thanked Brenda Abrams and Rosalie Schrier, members of the Ways & Means Committee, for their efforts in that direction, and also thanked

Barbara Pasternack, Membership Chair, "for staying in touch with new members," and Lulla Shermis for her work on the phone committee, and Shirley Cohen for making once-a-month baby-sitting arrangements.

They also thanked Sarah Cohen, Carol Blatt, Dena Ratner and Yehudit Yinhar for their work in November, Rabbi Ratner for his generous contribution from his Discretionary Fund towards the Book Discovery Program.

On Sunday, January 5, Nicki Benetan and Sara Cohen presented a program of major interest and importance under the heading "When You Have to Consider a Nursing Home." Speakers were Nancy Smith-Hunnicutt, Ombudsman, Cherie Setzler RN, Care Plan Coordinator, and Temple Members Sara Cohen, Recreational Services Director, and Scott Lebensburger, Attorney.

A Sisterhood Board Meeting was held on Monday, January 13, at noon in Unger Hall. In the absence of both co-presidents, Lulla Shermis officiated.

**BROTHERHOOD** Ritual Committee chair Dick Braun announced the designation of several new chairs: Jules Resnick and Jack Benaton, ushers; Rob Hruska, distribution of food basket; Joe Ross, exterior sign board.

At the Brotherhood Brunch on January 12, winding up a Scholar-in-Residence weekend that started with Friday night services, the aforementioned Joe Puder spoke mainly about Chautauqua, complimenting Sidney Schochet for his tremendous efforts on the Society's behalf.

**THE SHABBAT MORNING MINYAN**, held once a month, is enjoying more and more popularity. Far from being a cut-and-dried service, this is an opportunity to enjoy Rabbi Ratner's enlightening explication of the chosen Torah passage.

**ISRAELI FOLK DANCING** mayven, the slender and graceful Susan Ratner, wife of the Rabbi, dances up a storm with the Israeli Folk Dance circle, which she invites everyone to join, and where she sees "happy faces of all ages and stages."

**LUNCH WITH THE RABBI** on November 25 gave the attendees a good look at the differences and similarities between Judaism and Buddhism. On December 16 the special guest speaker was Debi Miles, director of the Center for Diversity Education, who talked about "the Center's mission and its programs in the schools and community," to quote Rabbi Ratner.

And on January 20, guest speaker was Temple member Dr. Sam Shermis, whose subject was intermarriage.

**MANY THANKS** from House Committee chair Barry Katell to Dennis Winner for giving the Temple 10 copies of the new UAHC Haftarah Commentary in honor of his mother Julianne Winner. And to the Shermis family for their donation of "... a beautiful piece of calligraphy of the opening passage of Genesis. . ." And to all the Religious School Families and members-at-large for their enthusiastic help on the Temple's physical plant on Sunday, October 27.

**THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL** is thriving, enthusiastically led by its teachers. Carol Blatt, PTO chair, thanked all the parents for the fruits



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Rachel Titlebaum, during which we enjoyed a Chinese Auction. February will be filled with lots of activities. We will be traveling to Atlanta for a Convention and we will be going on our yearly Ski Trip. All 6th-8th graders are welcome to join in the fun. If you have any questions about Kadima, please call Kadima's President, **Rachel Orange**, at **545-2425**.

## Temple Beth El Charlotte NC

*by Susan Kramer*

The Fourth Grade of Temple Beth El will participate in a Kabbalat HaSiddur on Friday, **March 7** at 7:30 PM. This special **Shabbat Service** marks the beginning of their official Hebrew studies and will be preceded by a Shabbat Dinner for them and their families at 6:15 PM. Please contact the Temple office for reservation information.

Rabbi Clifford M. Kulwin, Director of International Development of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, will speak at **Shabbat Services** on **March 14** at 8:00 AM.

**Pathways to Jewish Learning** continues **March 4, 11, 18, and 25** at 10:00 AM. Join Rabbi Bennett and Cantor Shepherd for a look at Jewish Mysticism and a guide to the Friday evening prayerbook.

Temple Beth El will honor Herman and Anita Blumenthal for the "Lifetimes of Giving" at a gala celebration on **March 5**. Please contact the Temple office for information.

Everyone is invited to the **Membership Social** to be held on Sunday, **March 15** from 2:00 to 5:00 PM in Silverman Social Hall.

Entertainment for the event will be provided by pianist Lori Solganik. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be given. There is no charge.

**Lunch 'N Learn**, a noontime Bible Study for busy people will meet at 12:00 PM on **March 10** at the offices of Lyons Financial Group, 5950 Fairview Road, Suite 400. This is a drop-in group—no reservations required. Bring your lunch.

**2nd Mondays** will meet at Temple on **March 10** at 7:30 PM.

**Rosh Chodesh**, a peer-led worship and study women's group, will celebrate Rosh Chodesh Adar I on **March 9** at 7:30 PM.

Join us on Saturday, **March 22** for our annual **Purim Family Service** at **7:00 PM**.

The **Service of Healing** will be held at Temple Beth El on **March 24** at 5:30 PM.

**Tot Shabbat** will be celebrated at Temple Beth El on Saturday, **March 15** at 9:15 AM.

Attention Seniors! Join Rabbi Bennett on **March 24** at 12:00 PM for the monthly Senior Seminar, a lunchtime educational forum. Bring your own lunch—the Temple will provide drinks.

Mazel Tov to the following on becoming a B'nai Mitzvah in February at Temple Beth El:

**Jon-Michael Ciaramella**, son of Hedda and Michael Ciaramella on February 8.

**Matt Garber**, son of John Garber and Susan Garber, on February 24.

**Harriet Dolin**, who celebrated her adult B'nai Mitzvah on February 28.

Mazel Tov to

. . . **Sheryl Auerbach and Donald Effren** on their engagement.

**B'ruchim Ha'Baim** to the following new members of Temple Beth El: John and Shari Box, Barry and Rachel Friedman, Allen and Sandra Hecht, Stanley and Jody Mace, Peter and Victoria Rauch, Stacy and Carol Rodbell, Neil and Carol Sandler

## Regular Monthly Meetings at Temple Beth El

March 3	Board of Directors	7:30 PM
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March 4	Brotherhood Board Meeting	7:30 PM
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March 6	School Board	Religious 7:30 PM
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March 9	Rosh Chodesh	7:30 PM
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March 10	2nd Mondays	7:30 PM
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March 13	Choir Practice	7:30 PM
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March 15	LIBERTY Board Meeting	2:00 PM
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March 20	Choir Practice	7:30 PM
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March 24	High School Board	8:00 PM
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March 26	Social Action Committee Meeting	7:30 PM
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**Director of International Development of the World Union for Progressive Judaism** to speak at Temple Beth El

Rabbi Clifford M. Kulwin, the Director of International Development of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, the international organization of liberal Judaism, will speak at Temple Beth El on **March 14**.



history of Jews in Spanish and Portuguese speaking lands.

He has published scholarly and popular articles on a variety of Jewish topics, and speaks widely on issues of international Jewish concern. Beyond the Reform movement, he has spoken at national and international meetings of the American Jewish Committee, the Latin American Jewish Studies Association (of which he is a former board member), and the Association of Jewish Studies, as well as at academic seminars in South America, North America and Israel.

As part of his duties Rabbi Kulwin regularly visits Jewish communities in over twenty countries, helping to establish new movement congregations and schools, and working to foster the development of indigenous leadership. His present efforts are focused especially upon Western and Eastern Europe, and the former Soviet Union.

He and his family live in Upper Montclair, New Jersey.

Belvedere. On Saturday evening, June 29, the parents of the bride and groom entertained at a dinner at the Radisson Lord Baltimore Hotel.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vladimir Kaplan of Silver Spring, MD. She is the granddaughter of Mr. Kiva Arluk, the late Mrs. Hannah Arluk and the late Mr. and Mrs. Yaakov Kaplan. She graduated Magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Mathematics from Duke University. Following graduation, she spent a year in Israel as a Fulbright scholar studying at the Institute for Life Sciences at Hebrew University, Givat Ram campus. She is a second year medical student at Duke University School of Medicine.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Moff of Greensboro. He is the grandson of Mrs. Florence Fleishman Blumenstein, formerly of Fayetteville and currently a resident at The Blumenthal Jewish Home, the late Mr. Joseph Blumenstein and the late Mr. and Mrs. William Moff of Dunn, NC. He graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Bachelor of Arts in History from Duke University. As a Rotary scholar, he spent a year in Israel studying at Hebrew University and the Pardes

Institute. He is a second year medical student at Duke University School of Medicine.

Following a wedding trip to Grand Cayman Island, the couple will reside in Durham, NC.

### ***Brodsky—Cohen Wedding***

Kimberly Dawn Brodsky and Steven Stuart Cohen were united in marriage Saturday, November 16, 1996 at Temple Israel, Charlotte NC. Rabbi Murray Ezring and Cantor Elias Roochvarg officiated. A wedding reception was held at the Hilton Hotel—University Place, Charlotte NC.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Brodsky of Charlotte NC. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cutler of Delray Beach FL and Mrs. Elsie Brodsky of South Orange New Jersey and Mr. Bev Brodsky of Atlanta GA. She is a 1994 graduate of the University of Maryland-College Park with a Bachelor of Arts in Government and Politics. She is a Technical Recruiter with Comsys Technical Services in Rockville MD.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Cohen of Potomac MD. He is the grandson of Mrs. Rosie Perilstein of Rockville MD and Mr. and Mrs.



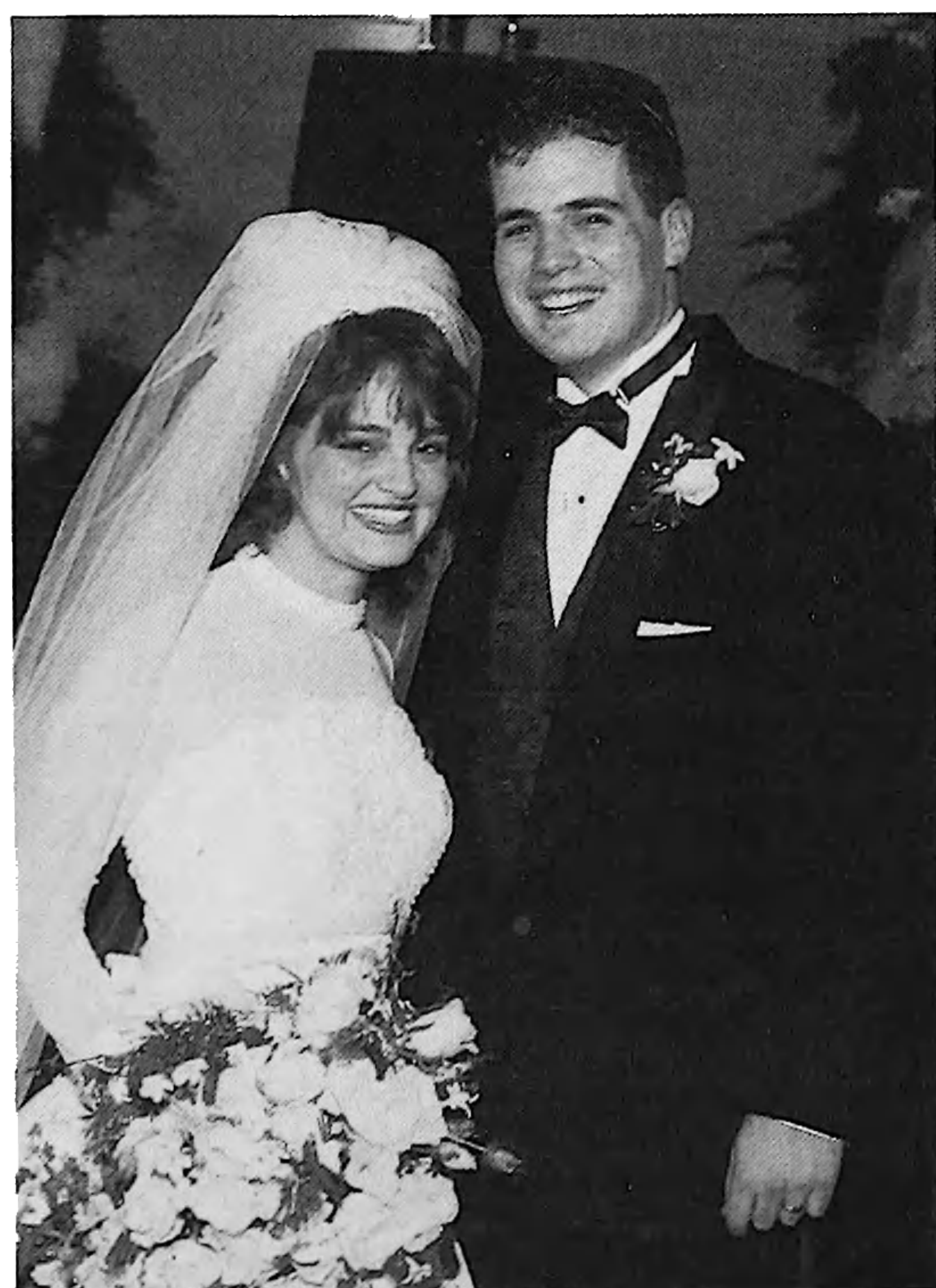
Albert Cohen of Philadelphia PA. He is a 1994 graduate of the University of Maryland-College Park with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications. He is the Chief of Business Development & Marketing at Swales Aerospace Engineering, Inc., Beltsville MD.

Maid of Honor was Miss Jodi Hankins of Rockville MD. Bridesmaids were Miss Melissa Bezner of Potomac MD; Miss Claire Cohen, sister of the groom, Potomac MD; Miss Andrea Klein of Atlanta GA, Miss Jennifer Slutsky of Gastonia NC and Miss Ana Sobel of Potomac MD.

Best Man was Jeffrey Cohen, brother of the Groom of Potomac MD. Groomsmen were Mr. Mark Arking of Potomac MD; Mr. Keith Brodsky, brother of bride of Charlotte NC; Mr. Michael Cohen, brother of groom of Potomac MD, Mr. Leor Landa of New York City NY and Mr. Amir Peleg of Rockville MD.

After a trip to Aruba the couple will reside in Germantown MD.

### ***Brodsky—Cohen Wedding***



Charlotte NC's Crown City Chapter of Women's American ORT held their January meeting at The Black Lion Design Showcases on January 28, 1997.

New and prospective members of the Crown City Chapter of Women's American ORT were at the home of ORT president, Brenda Lutz, for an introduction to the ORT organization on the morning of February 18, 1997. The newer members had an opportunity to meet regular Board members and get an insight into the functioning of this organization. In addition to the regular Board meeting, a film showing the workings and accomplishments of the ORT organization throughout the world was viewed and enjoyed by both the newer and older members of the group. Coffee, bagels, and delicious homemade cakes and cookies were served. Any women wishing to join ORT may do so by contacting San Dee Smoke, Membership Vice President, at 341-9495.

A unique program was held by the Crown City Chapter Women's American ORT at the facilities of Allen Krusch's law firm on Feb. 28, 1997. The program was entitled, "Women's University" and included two speakers and a luncheon. The first speaker, Rabbi James Bennett of Temple Beth El, addressed the topic of women's spirituality. It was most informative and generated a lively discussion amongst the group. Penny Eisenberg, author of "Passover Desserts," lectured on the interesting

topic of Jewish cooking. Judging by comments heard as the women left the meeting, many new and varied dishes will now be served in homes here in the Charlotte area. In summary, we can say that at this meeting, an attempt was made to feed both the body and soul.

The next ORT meeting will be on April 19, 1997, at the Cedarwood Country Club at 6:30 pm. The format for this meeting is a repeat of one held last year. It is called, "Drop In The Bucket." It is not only a fund raiser for ORT, but a great deal of fun and satisfaction for the participants. A variety of items will be on a display table. Each participant will then drop a coupon into a bucket near each item. Before the evening is over, one coupon will be drawn from each bucket, and the lucky holder of that coupon will receive the item. In addition, door prizes will be given away and an assortment of fabulous gift items will be raffled off. Dinner will be catered by the Cedarwood Country Club. More information will be forthcoming, but it is suggested that you make your reservation immediately by calling Claire Krusch, Fund Raising Vice President, at 442-2999.

On March 10, 1997, the Crown City Chapter of ORT will sponsor a luncheon for the Chai Group of the Jewish Community Center at Temple Beth El. Shirley Fytelson will chair this event. Anyone wishing to help with or participate in this event should contact Shirley at 366-9319.

## Organizations

### The Crown City Chapter of Women's American ORT



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# Editorial

## Distorting Middle East Peace Efforts

by Abraham H. Foxman

If the Middle East peace process is floundering, it's not because Israel is building housing in Jerusalem, but because there is a gross distortion in the way the two sides are held accountable for their commitments.

Supporters of Israel worried as far back as 1977, that a peace process resting on Israel giving up tangibles—land—in exchange for the intangible of peace and normalization—could turn out to be a bad bargain. Intangibles could easily be evaded. It was hoped that the international community, particularly the United States would hold the Arab states to the agreements.

Events of the last weeks, however, demonstrate how badly distorted things can get. Hosni Mubarak, President of Egypt, visits Washington and bashes Israel. But has he lived up to Egypt's part of the bargain in which Israel gave up the Sinai with air bases and airfields? Has he done anything to create a peaceful attitude toward Israel in his country? He has been President for sixteen years, and yet he has never paid a visit (except for the funeral of Rabin) to the Jewish State. He always has an excuse. Today it's Mr. Netanyahu's policies, but the message of sixteen years is clear; despite Egypt's obligation toward peace and normalization in the treaty, Israel is still not seen as a legitimate country.

Moreover, the rabid anti-Semitism of the Egyptian press, some of which is government-sponsored, violates the commitment to educate the public in Egypt about peace and living together. Instead of engaging in a public campaign against this anti-Semitism, Mr. Mubarak dismisses it as not a serious matter and one which should not divert attention from the "real issues" of the Middle East. Similarly, Mr. Arafat's rhetoric against Israel and his eagerness to mobilize the

international community to denounce Israel whenever disagreements arise, run against the very notion of the Oslo accords in which Israel committed itself to withdrawal in exchange for a different Palestinian approach to Israel. When polls indicate that a large percentage of Palestinians continue to support terrorism as a tool against Israel, it is clear that education to bring about change is not taking place.

And yet, the international community chooses to ignore these realities. The reaction seems to be: it's only words, it's only symbols—don't let them stand in the way of peace. But this is peace, it is for this that Israel made concessions.

This failure to make sure the Arabs live up to their side of the bargain is compounded by the tendency to demand of Israel that it go beyond its tangible commitments. This past week when Arafat claimed that Israel had violated agreements by announcing its construction in Har Homa and by turning over 9.1% of the West Bank to the Palestinian authority—both complete falsehoods—he gained world support. The Palestinians have the right to be unhappy with Israeli actions, but to demand that Israel had obligations in these matters which it didn't and then to use the international community to pressure Israel are further distortions of a real peace process.

Of course, the two sides of this distortion are not unconnected. When the Arabs see that they can get away with anti-Israel rhetoric, with a variety of activities that do not constitute normalization, they are emboldened to believe as well that they can successfully demand that Israel give even more than it committed to.

It is this process that endangers the chances for peace. Israelis become more cynical about what it all means. Palestinians and other Arabs have even less of an incentive to change their government's and people's attitudes toward Israel.

This must stop. The United States must demand of the Arabs that they start changing the atmosphere in the region—educate their peoples on peace and tolerance; cut out their anti-Semitism; encourage real relations at all levels. And at the same time, expect Israel to live up to its obligations, but don't create false ones which become the focus of international pressure on Israel.

*Abraham H. Foxman is National Director of the Anti-Defamation League*



# EDITOR'S DESK

This  
Passover  
season, as  
we celebrate  
the  
freedom  
of so many,  
may we  
remember  
the many  
who are  
yet to be  
free!

Best wishes for a  
Peaceful Passover!

One unfortunate reality of magazine journalism is that often the most skilled writers among us remain largely unknown to our readers. Why? Because somewhere along the way — to contribute to the greater good — they are always buried under a pile of papers and deadlines. Not often enough are they recognized for their hard work.

I'm not sure exactly where the line in this business is drawn between craft and art, but when the two converge in our pages, it's often because of the fine hand of people like Sue Clein who have been involved somewhere along the way.



*Sue Clein*

You've seen her work, without knowing it, in stories we've run in the Blumenthal Home Section on healthcare, in stories about volunteerism, in profiles of the employees who work for the BJH and in countless other *AMERICAN JEWISH TIMES OUTLOOK* stories that have appeared in the BJH section. They are stories of high readability, imaginative structure, and classic photo stories of people at the Blumenthal Jewish Home.

As it happens, I've known Sue for the past 4 years and watched her eagerly working countless hours to produce great stories about the home. Her willingness to grow and make change is indicative of the spirit she gives to her work.

This past February the Blumenthal Jewish Home was honored with a first place award for a professionally printed publication at the 1997 Annual Conference of the North Carolina Health Care Facilities Association. Sue Clein, editor of the BJH Chai-lights section of the *American Jewish Times Outlook* received the 1996 First Place Community Involvement Award in Greensboro. The entire staff of *The American Jewish Times Outlook's* production department, the art department and the business department would like to say CONGRATULATIONS SUE -- GREAT JOB!!

*Geri*  
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# The Zionist Haggadah

by Gail Lichtman

(WZPS) "In every generation, each individual is bound to regard himself as if he personally had gone forth from Egypt", commands the Haggadah, the traditional text retelling the exodus from Egypt which is read at the Passover seder.

This sentence, uttered by Jews for centuries, inspired award-winning Jerusalem artist David Harel and his wife Chaya, an historian and leading scholar on Theodor Herzl, to spend four years creating a unique work of art and tradition—the "Rebirth of Israel Passover Haggadah"—a Zionist Haggadah portraying the return of the Jewish people to its homeland and the birth of the

State  
of Israel.

"We were looking for a way to bring our children and ourselves closer to the Exodus. The establishment of the State of Israel is the modern equivalent of this biblical event, with the return of the Jewish people to Eretz Israel from exile. We wanted to connect the two and communicate that we too are a part of an ongoing Jewish history," Chaya explains.

Of more than 3,000 different Haggadahs created over the centuries in various countries around the world, the "Rebirth of Israel Passover Haggadah" is the only one

which connects the Passover theme of freedom with the modern return to Zion and the establishment of Israel's independence. Faithfully following the traditional text, it describes the transition from slavery to redemption using both illustrations and text describing the return of the Jewish people to its homeland from the First Aliya through the establishment of the state.

Premiered at a special exhibition held in the Tel Aviv Museum in April 1986, the Haggadah won immediate critical acclaim both as a work of art and as "a modern-day version of the traditional Haggadah." In honor of the 100th anniversary of Zionism in 1997, the Haggadah is now being issued in a new English-Hebrew version.

Every detail  
is filled  
with  
meaning  
from the  
special

introduction providing a synopsis of modern Zionist history to the closing words of *Chad Gadya*, illustrated by milestones in the history of Jerusalem.

The Harels give a new and fresh perspective to the traditional passages. "This is the bread of affliction which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt," is illustrated by a drawing of the convoys which carried food to besieged Jerusalem during the War of Independence.



"Ma nishtana?" is accompanied by a portrait of Herzl at the first Zionist Congress in Basel and David Ben-Gurion proclaiming the establishment of the State of Israel.

By "We were slaves unto Pharaoh in Egypt," appears a ship of illegal immigrants trying to reach Eretz Israel during the British Mandate, while by "In your blood shall you live," appears a burning synagogue during Kristallnacht. The words "the Egyptians ill-treated us, afflicted us," is illustrated by a photograph of the main gate of Auschwitz.

And there is joy too. The reclaiming of the land, the building of Tel Aviv, the first Rishon LeZion orchestra, the rebirth of the Hebrew language—all culminating in "next year in a rebuilt Jerusalem" with a composite of both the earthly and heavenly Jerusalem of the past, present and future.

In order to give an authentic feeling of the pioneer period, the text is written in letters similar to those used by the early Hebrew press and accompanied by illustrations taken from old photographs and posters.

The Haggadah originally appeared in Hebrew in regular book form suitable for the Passover table, and in a collector's limited edition of 250 copies. The latter has 54 full-color lithographs printed on imported Italian paper and is packed in a velvet-lined wooden box along with a facsimile of Israel's Declaration of Independence.

The new dual language issue is being updated with a slightly different graphic style but still in keeping with the period. It is a fitting tribute to the pioneering founders of Israel whose dedication and determination brought about the realization of a Jewish state.





*A Melabev worker leads a dance and movement class for Alzheimer's patients in one of its Jerusalem day care centers.*  
WZPS photo  
courtesy of  
Shaare Zedek.



# Melabev— Caring For Israel's Mentally Frail Elderly

by Susan Hersh Sachs

(WZPS) Since Israel is a country which has increased its population through immigration several times over in the past five decades, the elderly have increased here in absolute terms as well as in percent of the population, at an unusual rate.

Alzheimer's disease, an affliction that occurs in old age and can affect up to 20% of the over-75s, is more prevalent now than ever before, as are other forms of mental decline that occur in old age. What is the country doing for these mentally impaired people?

Susan Sachs visited Melabev, which is a leader in developing day care for the mentally frail elderly, and found not only excellent care in a supportive environment, but a creative, forward-thinking approach to providing patients with therapeutic and social stimulation.



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subtraction, identifying shapes and colors, etc.) that they may not have been called upon to use since the early stages of their illness. Not only do they seem to retain that knowledge from session to session, but they are learning something new and modern—the use of a computer.

Another recent development is that of intergenerational programming: although bringing

children together with the elderly in the day care centers has been a part of Melabev activities for some time, last year a *shiduch* was organized between a Jerusalem elementary school in the Old City, the state religious school HaRovah, and the San Simone Melabev center. That project, now in its second year, has fifth and sixth

graders attending the Melabev center weekly; on a rotation basis, to offer a helping hand and to participate in the activities there. “The elderly enjoy the company of the young,” says Leah Abramowitz. Tali Gillis, an 11-year-old participant, agrees, but she feels that the benefits are mutual: “I really enjoy it there because I can see that they (the Alzheimer’s patients) enjoy it too. Even those who can’t speak. You always know what they’re trying to say. It gives me a good feeling that they know I’m trying to help them. I’ve been going for a year now and some of them actually know my name!”

Melabev also offers educational materials to family members and the use of a library to professionals and lay caregivers. The library at Melabev was donated by a grateful family member. It includes copies of the latest editions of professional books and journals which report on the most recent developments in Alzheimer’s research and suggestions on the care of its victims. The

Melabev staff has translated into Hebrew the classic text used by families in the U.S., *The 36 Hour Day*, written by Mace and Rabins. This book guides the caregiving family through a better understanding of their loved one’s affliction and offers advice on care for the ill relative—and for themselves! The staff has also produced a Hebrew book on their activities in the

Melabev centers, which other professionals can use in centers, or which caregivers can use in own homes.

*It gives me a good feeling that they know I’m trying to help them.*

ESHEL, which serves as an umbrella service for all of the country’s geriatric day care centers, is involved in over 100 of the day care centers that exist in Israel, is directly responsible for the construction of 85 of them, and is available as consultant to each one

regarding program development.

“The push now is to have these centers serve as the hub of multi-services for the frail elderly and their families,” explains Sarah Shiffman, Coordinator of Resource Development at ESHEL. “Some centers, for example, provide laundry services and meals-on-wheels.” Already from Tirat HaCarmel in Haifa down to Eilat in the south, several day care centers have begun offering counseling and support services for the family as well as providing assistance to the patient.

With the prevailing tendency in Israel being to keep Alzheimer’s sufferers at home and the number of aged expected to grow considerably over the next few years, patients and their families need all the help they can get. The programs of multi-service centers such as Melabev, therefore, can expect to continue providing compassionate, responsive and quality care for many years to come.

## Caring For Israel’s Mentally Frail Elderly



## ADL Audit Shows Continued Rise in Anti-Semitic Incidents in North Carolina and the Growth of Anti-Semitism and Hate Messages on the Internet in 1996

Norfolk VA, February 26. . . For the second year in a row, the number of anti-Semitic incidents reported in North Carolina continued to rise dramatically according to Samuel K. Kaplan, Director of the Anti-Defamation League's North Carolina/Virginia Office in Norfolk.

Violence, threats and harassment against Jews and Jewish institutions across the Tar Heel state showed a sharp increase for 1996. Once again, this contrasted the national figure which mirrored a similar drop in crime rates across the country, according to the *ADL 1996 Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents*. "We continue to pay a steep price for extremism, sharp rhetoric, intolerance and incivility," observed Kaplan.

*An alarming 43.7% increase in overall incidents were reported: from 16 in 1995 to 23 in 1996 and a startling 140%*

*increase in incidents of vandalism reported, from 5 in 1995 to 12 in 1996.*

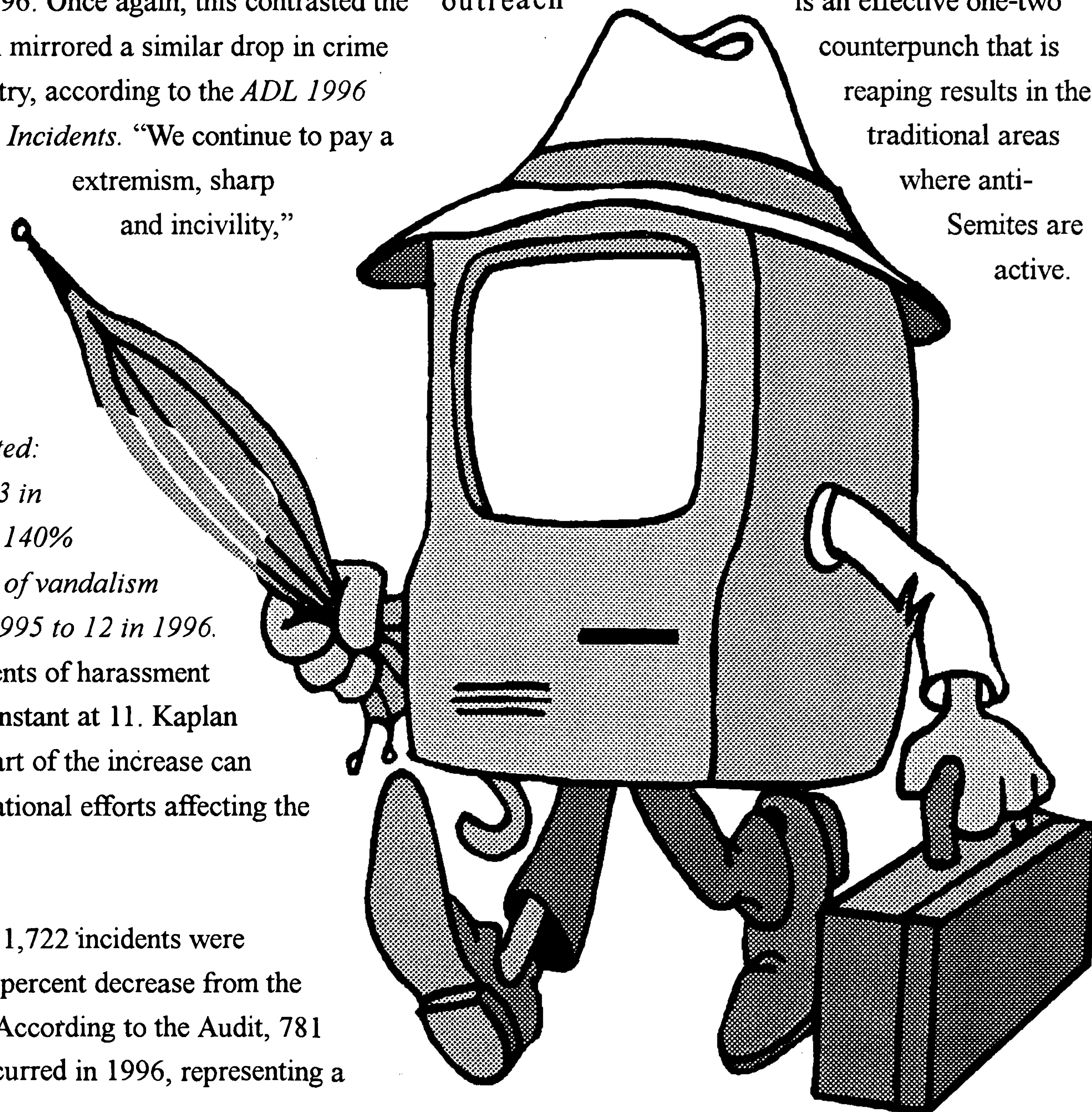
The number of incidents of harassment reported remained constant at 11. Kaplan further noted that "part of the increase can be attributed to educational efforts affecting the reporting process."

Nationally, a total of 1,722 incidents were documented, a seven percent decrease from the 1995 total of 1,843. According to the Audit, 781 acts of vandalism occurred in 1996, representing a

seven percent increase over last year's figures of 727; acts of harassment, threat or assault, however, declined 15% to 941 from a 1995 total of 1,116.

Although the numbers were up in North Carolina, ADL National Director, Abraham H. Foxman, was encouraged with the national trend. "It tells us that the combination of law enforcement action and educational outreach

is an effective one-two counterpunch that is reaping results in the traditional areas where anti-Semites are active.





“However, in arenas yet to be quantified—the Internet and E-mail—anti-Semites, racists and bigots are having a field day,” said Mr. Foxman. “Electronic hate is the dark side of technology, and anti-Semites have particularly taken to the medium. Our challenge is to reach millions of computer users with messages of truth and tolerance.”

States with large Jewish populations continue to have the highest totals of anti-Semitic incidents: New York-328, down from 370; New Jersey-238, up from 228; California-186, down from 264; Florida-123, down from 152; Massachusetts-106, up from 85.

“Every act of anti-Semitism reaches beyond its victim to the community at large,” said David H. Strassler, ADL National Chairman. “We are encouraged that these acts have been met by strong community responses—from Jewish and non-Jewish citizens—who have said no to hate.”

Mr. Strassler cited the literal erasing of hate messages in Washington DC and the display of lighted menorahs by Christian neighbors of a Jewish family whose home was attacked on Chanukah in Newton township PA.

#### Harassment, Threats, Assaults and Vandalism Continue Trends of Past Years

For the sixth straight year, acts of anti-Semitic harassment outnumber incidents of vandalism. The 941 incidents of harassment, threat or assault represent 55 percent of the total number of incidents. Of these, 733 incidents or 78 percent were directed against

individuals, continuing the troubling predominance of such “in your face” attacks. 208 harassment incidents were directed against institutions, e.g. threatening phone calls to a Jewish community center or hate mail sent to a synagogue.

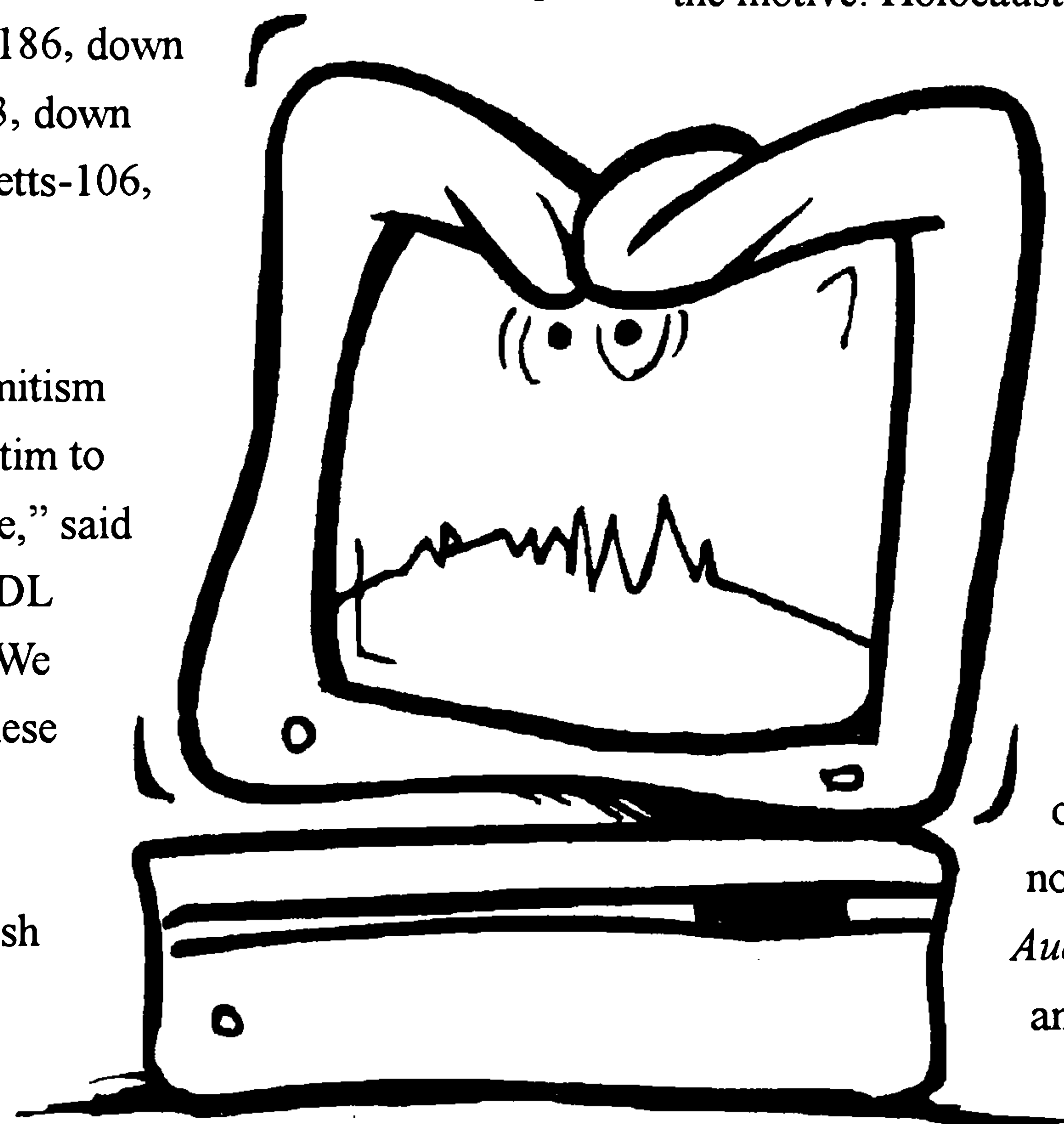
This category of incidents covers a large variety of intimidating and hostile acts, ranging from anti-Semitic comments made in passing, up through serious violent and personal criminal attacks where anti-Semitic bias is the motive. Holocaust-denial advertisements in college

newspapers, speeches containing blatantly anti-Semitic language or imagery, the distribution of anti-Semitic flyers in a neighborhood, neo-Nazis rallying in Jewish neighborhoods, hate mail sent to a synagogue or a bomb

threat phoned to a Jewish institution are all also examples of harassment incidents. Although not all incidents counted in the *ADL Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents* as anti-Semitic harassments are crimes, they nonetheless represent overt and painful

expressions of Jew-hatred, which remain far too common.

Vandalism incidents were much more likely to occur on public property than private or institutional property. This pattern continues a trend seen over the previous six years. Four hundred and seven of the incidents of vandalism reported in 1996 involved defaced public property and only 117 were attacks against Jewish institutions. The remaining 257 were directed against private Jewish property. Vandals opt for the more numerous and harder-to-protect public locations rather than the generally better secured and aware Jewish





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by Alyson Gold

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Facts of Life

Adoption



**E**ighteen-year-old Amy Grossberg was the portrait of a “nice Jewish girl,” a popular, apple-cheeked teen from the affluent town of Franklin Lakes, New Jersey. She nurtured an interest in art, and worked as a camp counselor during the summer. Her family was well known and well thought of by neighbors and fellow synagogue members. There was every reason to believe Amy had a bright and hopeful future ahead of her.

*But something went terribly wrong.*

When the University of Delaware freshman got pregnant at the end of her last year of high school, she told no one. She did not go to her parents, her rabbi, or even a local health clinic. Instead, this November, she delivered a son in secret at a Comfort Inn near Newark, Delaware with the help of her boyfriend, Brian Peterson. The baby was later found in a hotel dumpster, dead from a fractured skull, allegedly the result of a beating. Both Grossberg and Peterson are being held without bond for first-degree murder; if they are found guilty they could face the death penalty.

After the initial shock of this almost unimaginable crime recedes, some difficult questions emerge. How could this happen to a girl like Grossberg, who seemingly had

every advantage? Is there anything her parents, her synagogue, her school, her community could have done to prevent this disaster?

And perhaps the most difficult question—could something like this happen to *my* child? A tragedy of this proportion may cause some Jewish parents and community leaders to ask themselves how well they know the teenagers around them. What do Jewish teens really think about sex? Are most of them sexually active, and if so, how young, how frequently and how safely? How strong an influence do peers or the media have on Jewish teens? And what can the Jewish community, and parents, do to educate and protect their children?

Here, Jewish teens and those who study and work with them provide insight into some of these potentially life-changing questions. Their answers may just surprise you.

Melissa, a freshly scrubbed 14-year-old interviewed for this article, lost her virginity at age 13 to someone she had known only two weeks. She says it was a positive experience, because, “We stayed together for a long time,” though she has had multiple partners since.

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Doug, a pensive 18-year-old, considers himself "religious and traditional" and has pledged not to touch a woman until he is married. He believes, "If the only person you 'know' is your wife. . . it will add to a perfect relationship."

A street-smart city kid from San Francisco says that he learned one important thing from having sex. "It wasn't all that," he says, a slang way of expressing his disappointment.

These teens represent the wide range of behaviors and attitudes at play among Jewish youths. While for some Jewish teens, sexual behavior is determined by Jewish ethics, for many others, sex is neither influenced by religion nor reserved only for marriage. For them, it is very much a part of their young lives.

And, it seems, their parents may know little of what these kids are doing.

David, an 18-year-old from Washington DC says, "My parents have no clue what's going on in my life."

Jennifer, a 15-year-old New Yorker, echoes his view. "My parents would be shocked by what I have done with guys. They think I am a little kid who knows nothing," she says.

Some Jewish parents, naively perhaps, think a "good" family, a suburban lifestyle, synagogue affiliation or "traditional" values will guard their kids from dabbling in sexual activity.

But if trends in the wider community are any indication, kids are having sex at a younger age and more casually than ever before. Nearly 75 percent of American men

and more than half of women have had intercourse by the age of 18—a jump of 20 percent from 25 years ago—according to a recent study by the Alan Guttmacher Institute. Moreover, only 43 percent of teens use condoms at first intercourse. The other 57 percent, therefore, are putting themselves at risk for both unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), like AIDS.

These may be frightening facts for Jewish parents

concerned about their kids' emotional and physical well-being.

But are Jewish kids, in fact, as sexually active as their non-Jewish peers?

Experts say it is difficult to gauge Jewish teens' sexual behavior

*But are Jewish kids, in fact, as sexually active as their non-Jewish peers?*

based on the Guttmacher and other similar studies—which likely included a tiny number of Jewish subjects—because it may not reflect reality for Jewish teens.

In addition, some say, it's hard to know about Jewish kids' sexual practices in part because community leaders are hesitant to ask intimate questions. "There's a concern that asking teens about their behaviors is a violation [of their privacy]," says Amy Sales, a researcher at Brandeis University's Center for Modern Jewish Studies, who studies adolescents. "But it's the adults who are concerned," not the kids, says Sales. And perhaps, she adds, parents or educators may be reluctant to ask questions to which they may not want to hear the answers.

Which may explain why extensive research for this article yielded only two major studies on Jewish kids and their attitudes toward sex.

What do these studies reveal?

It would seem that Jewish kids may be less drawn to sex than their peers, but more active than their parents might think—or hope.



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says, although she admits that she is not altogether sure what her beliefs about sex are.

And how can Jewish teens be expected to abstain when, in addition to pressure from their peers, they are bombarded by images of sex on TV, at the movies, and even in cyberspace?

A recent episode of *Melrose Place*, the popular show about a group of young, promiscuous singles, included at least one implied sexual act per scene—never with a discussion of safe-sex or contraception.

A recent film, *William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet*, featuring a sex-gangs-and-rock-'n'-roll version of the Bard's young love classic, had teens lining up to see it.

And a quick search of the Internet revealed more than 500,000 matches for the words "teen sex," including an on-line pro-teen sex guide called *Just Say Yes*.

Says Nathan, 17, from Wisconsin: "After *Sesame Street*, all we get is sex, sex, sex."

How much are Jewish teens influenced by these images? Quite a lot, according to a number of teens interviewed for this article.

Lauren, a 14-year-old Maryland teen, admits that the constant, idealized images of sex in popular culture make her feel she should be sexually active before she's ready.

"You feel left out, like an outcast (if you don't do it,) because on TV and in movies everyone seems to be having sex. When people ask me, I'm embarrassed to tell them I'm a virgin," she says.

Of course, other teens find it easier to cast off media messages.

Doug, the teen who plans to remain a virgin until marriage, says that his views on sex are not influenced by popular culture, but by the Torah and his rabbi. "I am very selective about the movies and TV shows I watch and what I read. I only read Jewish books, anyway."

But Doug represents only a small fraction of Jewish teens, Orthodox kids who are raised in what may be more sheltered environments than their less traditional peers.

In fact, the study by Sales of Brandeis found an interesting correlation between religious affiliation and concern about sex. According to her statistics, approximately 50 percent of Jewish kids with no religious affiliation were very concerned with sex. That number dropped to 43 when the kids were Reform and 32 percent if they identified as either Conservative or Orthodox.

"It *looks* like being 'hooked in' religiously somehow mitigates the concern and confusion that comes with sex," says Sales.

Dr. Kalman Stein, principal of the Maimonides School in Brookline Massachusetts, would agree. Teens who attend Orthodox Jewish day schools are far less sexually active than the societal "norm," says Stein. "Unless we are incredibly naive, [sex] is not an issue for us."

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"Fifty percent of girls and 70 percent of boys (at Maimonides) don't even go on an actual date before graduating high school," he adds.

Which is not to say that there are no religiously observant teens engaging in premarital sex. In fact, one woman at Brandeis tells of sexually active couples who open condom wrappers before sundown on Friday, so as not to violate the Sabbath by tearing.

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mothers before becoming a rabbi. . . Jewish teens are different, most are upper-middle-class, better educated, more sheltered."

Miller is realistic, though, about the need to counteract the influences all around her students.

She makes a point, therefore, of visiting her Hebrew school's classes for young teens once each year to conduct a no-holds barred discussion of sex. During these discussions, kids may ask her any question they want. But they also have to listen to her views.

"I tell them 'sex is great, but if you're doing it now, you're not letting it be as good as it could be,' " says Miller. "These kids need to know they can say no. That they can still have the ideal of waiting until they are married. We have to teach them that they are special, that (they) don't have to say yes to sex."

Unlike Miller, many rabbis are reluctant to address the issue. Says Todd, an Orthodox 17-year-old from San Diego, "The rabbis aren't going to speak up (about sex.) The parents aren't going to do anything. It's got to come from us."

And kids are not likely to approach their rabbis or teachers to discuss sex. An informal survey conducted for this article revealed that of 200 teens queried not one would go to a rabbi or religious school teacher with a sex-related question or problem. A mere 10 percent said they would talk to their parents.

Clearly, if Jewish parents and community leaders want to address the issue, the impetus will have to come from them.

So, is the Jewish community doing enough to reach out to kids who may be confused about sex or thinking

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about becoming sexually active?

Rabbi Steven Dworken, executive vice president of the Orthodox Movement's Rabbinical Council of America says Orthodox teens who attend Jewish day schools get

the information they need there. "You'll find that most yeshiva high schools have sexual education programs," says Dworken.

At Maimonides in Boston, for example, health professionals teach sex-ed classes and Jewish studies teachers put the material into a religious context. Since the emphasis is on abstinence, says the school's Rabbi Stein, the program does not discuss birth-control options extensively.

For a yeshiva program to do so, says Dworken, "would be like telling someone, 'If you want to break the laws, here's how.'"

The majority of Jewish teens, however, do not attend Jewish day schools. And while these kids may get an understanding of the facts of life in public school, many are lacking the *Jewish* facts of life. Few of the teens surveyed for this article, for example, knew much about

Jewish sexual ethics. One young woman thought that if the partners involved were over 16, Judaism taught it would be acceptable for them to have sex; a young man thought that "whenever you're ready, it's cool, if you care about the person."

In reality, Jewish tradition rejects extramarital sex and considers it a sin for a man to "spill his seed" or for a woman to have more than one partner. A recent

Conservative movement pamphlet on sexuality reiterates that sex belongs within the context of marriage and

goes on to say that teens, in particular, should abstain. More liberal Jewish leaders, however, suggest acknowledging that some kids will be sexually active.

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Instead, says Fisher, BBYO, which is the largest Jewish youth organization, emphasizes providing kids with the information they need to make physically and emotionally healthy choices. Local chapters host programs on topics like safe sex, he says, and the organization recently launched a national effort called Mind, Body, Attitude to help young girls develop healthy attitudes about, and make wise choices for, their bodies.

For kids who choose not to abstain, Jewish tradition has much to offer teens in creating positive, loving relationships, says rabbis and educators. Judaism teaches that human beings are created in the Divine image and therefore must interact with one another responsibly and with respect.

**B**ut, according to sex educator and therapist Amy Miron, too few community leaders are willing to touch the subject of sex. Miron, who specializes in educating Jewish youngsters, says both synagogues and parents hope that if they ignore the issue it will go away. "We tend to put our heads in the sand and pretend [being sexually active] is not going to happen to our kids."

While youth groups like BBYO may be willing to tackle such issues, synagogues are less apt to, says Miron, in part because they fear students may see such discussions as permission to have sex.

But, Miron states, the reverse is actually true. "All of the statistics indicate that the more information kids have, the more sexually conservative they are."

Perhaps this is what, in part, prompted the Conservative movement's Rabbinical Assembly to announce in its just released pamphlet, "This is My Beloved, This is my Friend: A Rabbinic Letter on Intimate Relations," that it will begin creating programs and materials to guide teens on the subjects of sex, dating, and marriage.

Meanwhile, some synagogues are beginning to broach the issue. One well established program, developed with the help of Miron, is offered by Washington Hebrew Congregation in Washington DC. As part of its confirmation curriculum, the synagogue takes 10th-

graders on a weekend-long sexuality retreat that uses doctors and rabbis to address all aspects of sexuality, including STDs, ethics, intimacy, and sexual orientation. In addition, the retreat staff—made up of married Jewish couples—are on hand to hear any more personal questions or concerns.

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Such programs and materials are just what the community needs, says those involved. But according to Sales, synagogue programs are comprehensive as Washington Hebrew's are virtually unheard of. What is slightly more common, she says, is a one-time discussion of sex, but even that is rare.

"We are afraid to guide kids," explains Dr. Sylvia Barack Fishman, Assistant Professor of Contemporary Jewish Life at Brandeis University. "But sex should be part and parcel of educating youngsters about creating Jewish homes. Education must start at an early age and continue through teen years—in a Jewish environment, with advisors and facilitator," says Fishman.

Miron agrees and says that parents of teenagers should urge their synagogues to get more involved in sex education. "The Jewish community needs to start giving kids both the 'plumbing' [medical information about sex] and the value system to go with it," she says.

"Judaism provides a very positive model for sexual expression and intimacy. We've got to pass that on to our children."

Still, education and ethics can only go so far when it comes to the minds and bodies of teenagers.

Jon, a 15-year-old from Maryland, for example, has learned through his religious school that Judaism says sex is a beautiful and special activity reserved for marriage. But Jon has been little affected by this message.

"I plan to do it when I'm . . . ready," he says derisively. "Not when the bible tells me to."



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### Cocoa Meringues (Pareve)

*I make some version of these cookies ever year at my seder. This is only my latest version. It's just the sweetness everyone needs without being a filling dessert. Of course, they're just as good without the cereal.*

1/2 cup Manischewitz Crispy Os cereal (cocoa-flavored) or Fruities cereal.

1-1/2 tbsp. unsweetened cocoa

1/3 cup sugar

1/4 tsp. cinnamon

3 egg whites

3 oz. semisweet chocolate, coarsely grated



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Preheat the oven to 300 degrees.

In a plastic bag, crush the chocolate cereal coarsely between two sheets of waxed paper with a glass or a rolling pin.

In a small bowl, combine the cocoa, sugar, and cinnamon. Set aside.

In a glass or metal bowl, beat the egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually add the cocoa mixture until well blended. Fold in the cereal and grated chocolate and drop by heaping teaspoonfuls on a nonstick cookie sheet. Bake in the preheated oven for 20 minutes. Turn off the oven and leave the cookies in for 1 hour. Remove from the oven and cool. Makes approximately 3-1/2 dozen delicious, bite-sized cookies.

Per cookie: Calories—14; Saturated fat—0 g; Total fat—0 g; Carbohydrates—2 g; Cholesterol—0 mg; Sodium—7 mg.

### Golden Macaroons (Pareve)

*Macaroons are traditional during Pesach. This is a healthier twist on tradition. The carrots substitute for the texture of the high-fat shredded coconut.*

1/2 cup almonds, ground in a food processor

1 cup carrots, finely shredded

1/2 cup cake meal

1/2 cup sugar

1 tsp. almond extract

3 egg whites

Cooking spray

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.



In a bowl combine all of the ingredients. Spoon by heaping teaspoonfuls onto a nonstick cookie sheet that has been coated with the cooking spray. Bake for 20 minutes or until the cookies are a light golden brown. Makes approximately 1-1/2 dozen.

Per cookie: Calories—53; Saturated fat—0 g; Total fat—2 g; Carbohydrates—7 g; Cholesterol—0 mg; Sodium—12 mg.

### Dairy Matzah Kugel (M)

4 cups matzah farfel, soaked and drained

5 eggs, separated

1/4 cup sugar

1 cup milk

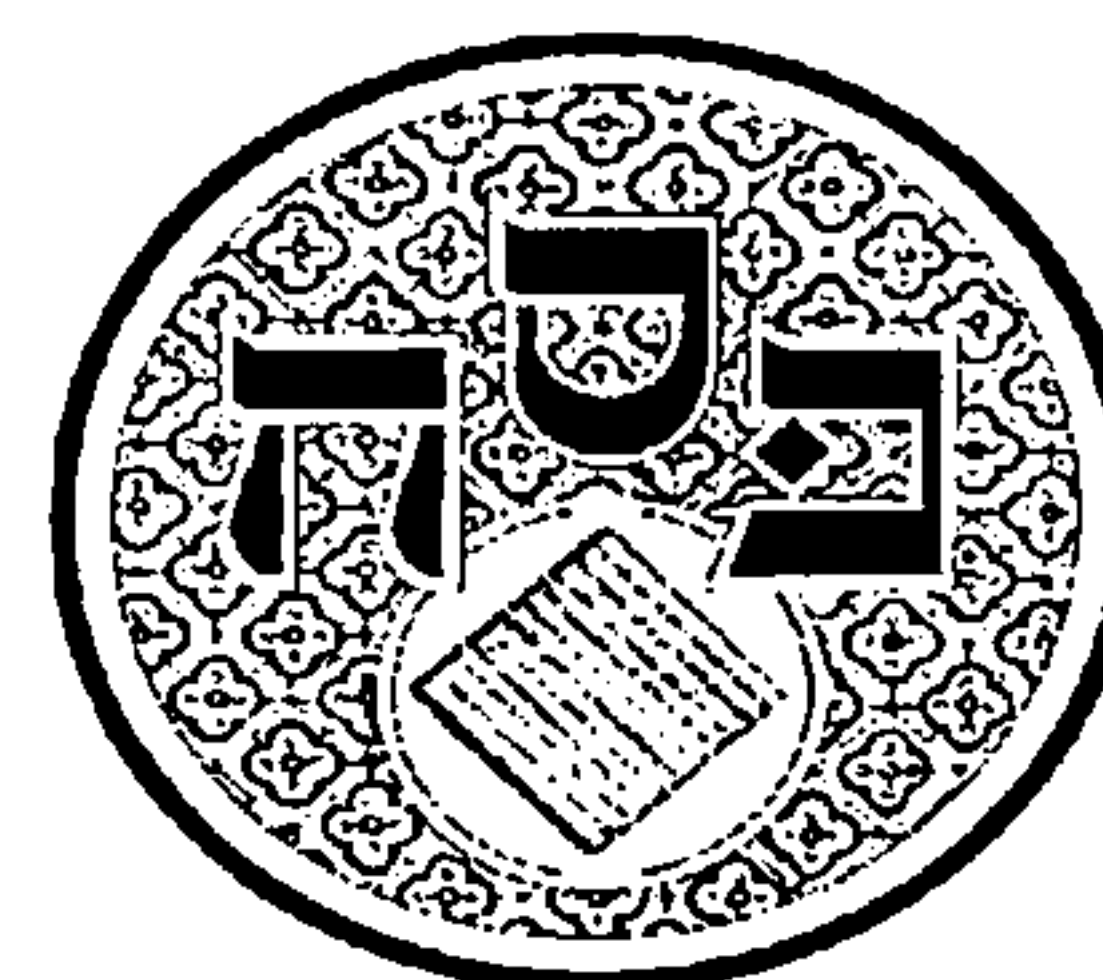
1 lb. cottage cheese

3 tablespoons melted butter

1 teaspoon salt

2 teaspoons cinnamon

1/2 cup raisins (optional)



Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix together everything except egg whites. Beat egg whites until stiff. Fold into matzah mixture. Pour into greased 9" x 13" pan. Bake 40 minutes. Serve warm with sour cream for topping. 20 servings.

### Orange Dairy Kugel (M)

5 matzahs

2 cups sour cream

2 cups dry cottage cheese

3 eggs

1/4 cup sugar

juice of one orange

1 tablespoon orange rind



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Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Wet matzahs under running water. Mix together remaining ingredients. In a greased 8" square pan. Layer matzah and sour cream mixture, ending with sour cream mixture. Bake 40 minutes. 8 servings

### Banana Yogurt Kugel (M)

6 matzahs, broken, soaked and squeezed

4 eggs

2/3 cups sugar

1 cup banana yogurt

1 cup dairy sour cream



1/2 cup crushed pineapple in own juice, drained  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 cup mashed ripe bananas or fresh strawberries

**Topping:**

1 tablespoon sugar  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
2 tablespoons Passover margarine  
1 small jar apricot or pineapple preserves, melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Combine matzahs, eggs, sugar, yogurt, sour cream, pineapple, vanilla, cinnamon, and bananas or strawberries. Pour into a greased 8" square baking pan. Combine sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle over kugel; dot with margarine. Bake 45 minutes until center is firm. Heat preserves to melt and then brush over kugel. Serve warm. 8 servings

**Passover Noodle Fruit Kugel (P)**

1 box Passover noodles, cooked and drained  
2 apples, pared and sliced  
1 20 ounce can crushed pineapple in own juice, drained  
1/4 lb. Passover margarine, melted  
4 eggs  
3/4 cup sugar  
1 cup dried apricots, diced

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Mix everything together. Pour into greased 9" x 9" pan. Bake 50 minutes.

**Note:** Noodles made from derivatives of matzah can be found in some grocery stores during Passover.

9 servings.

**Matzah Kugel with Prunes and Apricots (P)**

6 matzahs  
12 ounces prunes, pitted  
6 ounces dried apricots  
3 cups water  
2 teaspoons salt  
2 medium apples, grated  
6 eggs, beaten  
1/4 cup sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Cook prunes and apricots five minutes in water and drain, but save 2 cups of the water. Soak

matzahs in the water where fruits were cooked. Add all the remaining ingredients. Spoon into greased 9" x 13" pan. Bake until browned, about one hour. 20 servings

**No Starch Passover Apple and Nut Kugel (P)**

2 large tart apples, pared and sliced  
5 eggs, separated  
1 cup chopped walnuts  
1/4 cup honey  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 tablespoons sugar  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1 tablespoon grated lemon rind

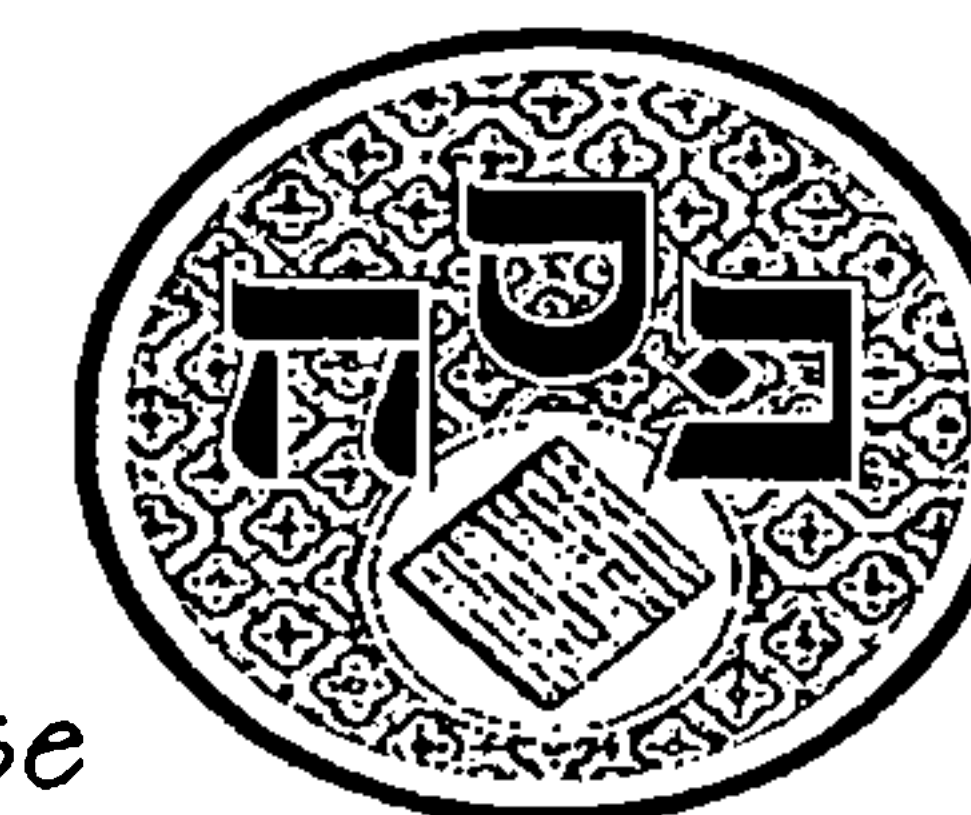


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Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Line bottom of greased 9" square pan with apple slices. Beat egg yolks until light and frothy. Add nuts, honey, salt, sugar, juice and rind. Blend well. Beat egg whites until stiff, not dry. Fold into mixture. Pour over apple slices. Bake 30 minutes or until set. 9 servings.

**Diet Dairy Matzah Kugel (M)**



3 matzahs  
1 lb. dry or low-fat cottage cheese  
4 egg whites  
6 packs heat stable artificial sweetener  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 cup skim milk  
1 tablespoon Passover margarine

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix cottage cheese, egg whites, sugar and cinnamon together. Pour milk into 8" square pan and soak matzahs (each one separately) about two minutes. Set matzahs aside; save leftover milk. Clean baking pan and then mess it up again by greasing it with non-stick baking spray. Place one piece of matzah on bottom of pan. Pour half of cheese mixture over it. Repeat the layering with another matzah and the rest of the cheese mixture. Top with third matzah. Dot with pieces of margarine. Top with third matzah. Dot with pieces of margarine. Cover everything with the saved milk. Bake uncovered 35-40 minutes or until concoction is set and golden. 4 servings 160 calories



## Learning to Teach the Unimaginable

by Wendy Elliman

(WZPS) It is no surprise that the History of the Holocaust is a compulsory subject in Israeli high schools. Less expected is that its teaching is now mandatory in no less than five states in the USA; that German teachers and students not yet born when World War II ended are energetically investigating this dark chapter in their nation's past; that Holocaust history is being taught in a growing number of Polish schools; and that schools in France, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, Britain, Cyprus, South Africa, Hungary and even in Japan are developing curricula and guidelines for teaching the Holocaust.

Some 300 Holocaust educators and researchers from 18 nations worldwide were in Israel, October 14 to 17, to exchange ideas and experiences at an international conference on *The Holocaust in Education* at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem. Each brought the needs of his or her own audience to the meeting.

Miriam Klein, for example, is overall director of Holocaust education in Miami, one of the US states where Holocaust study is now compulsory. "The field is growing fast, and I came to find out what colleagues worldwide are doing," she

says. "I also came to recharge my batteries. Working in an area like this can be debilitating after a while. I needed the connection with others who experience similar pressures."

Dr. Nili Keren, who heads the Holocaust Teaching College in Tel Aviv, served as academic consultant to the conference. "The idea of the meeting was to evaluate what Holocaust education has achieved so far, and examine what it can offer the generations to come. Yad Vashem, as the major Jewish research and teaching center on the Holocaust, was the obvious place to hold it. The response was amazing, and even after the riots here in Israel in early October, we didn't have a single cancellation. I think this shows how involved people in this area are in their work."

Dr. Keren attributes the massive new interest in the Holocaust among Jewish communities to the 'third generation'—the grandchildren of survivors. "It's only now, as survivors are reaching the biological end of their lives, that many of them are beginning to talk about what happened to them," she says. "Whereas pain and guilt make it hard for their children—the 'second generation'—to hear them, their grandchildren sincerely want to listen. They feel they're learning their own family history, and it helps them cope better with 'Who Am I?' This includes youngsters from Sephardi backgrounds, too; whereas

their parents tended to see the Holocaust as an Ashkenazi tragedy, the children relate to it as part of their own history."

The school trips to former Nazi death camps in Poland demonstrate and reinforce the identification of Jewish youngsters with their past. "It's the grandchildren who started going to Poland—30,000 of them in the past 10 years," says Dr. Keren. "Their parents followed them, and now you often get all three generations going there together."

Interest in the Holocaust is growing among non-Jews, as well. One conference participant, Prof. Henry Ross, is a senior lecturer in Social Work at Northumbria University in northern England, teaching students who are largely from non-Jewish backgrounds.

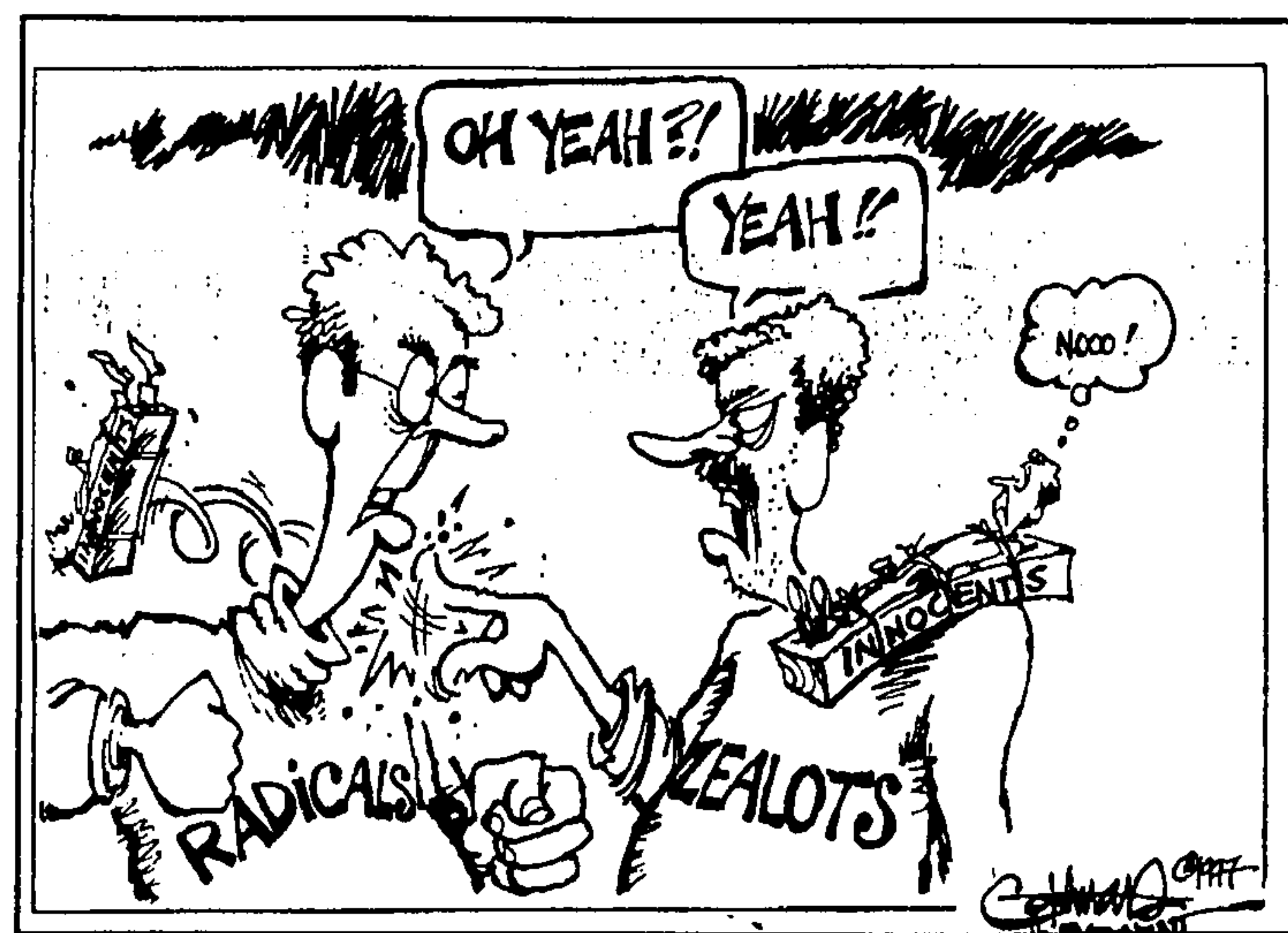
"I introduce the Holocaust into my courses as a study in discrimination and where it can lead," he says. "Many of my students lack a sense of history, and their knowledge of discrimination is limited to what they see around them—Asian, black, and so on. Study of the Holocaust contributes a great deal."

Two physicians who attended the conference, both of them from the United States, deal with Holocaust issues in ethics courses in university medical schools. The medical ethics of the war and the Nazis' appalling abuse of medical research and practice, makes for fertile teaching ground.

Non-Jews in Poland are also increasingly interested in their past. Prof. Jerzy Tomaszewski, historian and lecturer at the University of Warsaw, points to the paradox that while Poland was the first country to publish memoirs of the Holocaust, there is today no contemporary Polish-language book on the history of the period.

"But there are reminders of the Holocaust everywhere in Poland," he says. "Even such things as the ill-conceived proposal to build a commercial center near Auschwitz serve to remind us what happened in the war. And while Holocaust study is not compulsory in Polish schools and its mention in textbooks tend to be scanty or absent, it's an

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Green Sauce from *Joan Nathan's Jewish Holiday Cookbook*, to Low Cholesterol Strawberry Sponge Cake from *The Gourmet Jewish Cookbook*.

Mrs. Perelman has also developed an informational section on healthy eating during Passover. That's a special challenge due to the holiday's rigid dietary restrictions. "Most traditional recipes rely heavily on eggs, matzah meal, or potato starch. It's easy to make nutritious Passover meals. It just takes a little creativity and lots of fruits and vegetables," notes Perelman.

In addition to Passover recipes and cookbooks, the site also contains links to Haggadahs and storybooks for children.

This year, Passover begins on the evening of April 21 and runs through April 29.



## AJCommittee Amazed at Congressman's Condemnation of *Schindler's List* Television Showing

New York, . . . In a letter to Congressman Tom Coburn, AJC Executive Director David A. Harris expressed amazement that the Republican Representative from Oklahoma characterized NBC's showing of *Schindler's List* as an act which took television "to an all time low, with full-frontal nudity, violence and profanity" and contributed to "polluting the minds of our children."

"To the contrary," wrote Mr. Harris, "NBC's broadcast of this extraordinary work of art represents one of the finest moments in the history of network television. *Schindler's List* is a work of great moral seriousness. Its high purpose is to engage viewers in a profound and demanding examination of personal responsibility in the face of evil. In broadcasting Steven Spielberg's exploration of one of the most important issues in the moral history and life of humanity, NBC,

through the generosity of the Ford Motor Company, has made a significant contribution to the ethical education of the 65 million Americans who made the difficult decision to watch it. The film also makes an invaluable contribution to education about the Holocaust, one of the seminal events of the 20th century, indeed, one of the seminal events in the history of mankind."

Mr. Harris concluded: "It would have been better if you had reserved your expressions of moral outrage for the atrocious wickedness the film depicts rather than for its painstakingly honest depiction of the violence and dehumanization inflicted on millions of Jews and other human beings by the Nazis and their collaborators. There is no shame in the nakedness of the innocent victims; the shame resides in the failure, then and now, to recognize and confront evil."

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# New Method for the Separation of Isotopes

**First practical application of a textbook concept bridging the gap between classical and quantum physics**

REHOVOT, ISRAEL—February 23, 1997. . . A Weizmann Institute of Science researcher has turned a 70-year-old textbook concept in quantum mechanics into a practical method for separating isotopes, different “versions” of the same element.

The technique, designed by Dr. Ilya Averbukh of the Chemical Physics Department, of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, promises to open the door to fast and effective separation of isotopes for such fields as chemical and pharmaceutical industries, genetic engineering, scientific research and medical diagnosis, in which radioactive isotopes can be introduced into the body to examine the shape and function of a diseased organ.

Traditional mechanical methods for separating isotopes, such as those based on the use of centrifuges, are relatively slow and inefficient. In the past 25 years, highly effective laser methods for isotope separation have appeared, but their use is limited by the need to precisely fine-tune the laser beam to one particular isotope, which renders these approaches quite expensive.

The new Weizmann Institute method—whose first experimental application has just been reported in *Physical Review Letters* and

reviewed in *Physics Today*—combines the advantages of these two approaches, namely, the universality of mechanical separation with the efficiency of the laser techniques.

The method is referred to as “wavepacket technology” because it makes use of wavepackets, a quantum theory concept describing particular states in which electrons, atoms or molecules can be found. This concept can be applied to isotope separation because different isotopes are clearly distinguishable by the motion patterns of their wavepackets.

“Although wavepackets were first described at the dawn of quantum mechanics more than 70 years ago and appear in all physics textbooks, they have only been intensively studied experimentally in the past decade,” Averbukh says.

“And now the new isotope separation method offers what, to the best of my knowledge, is the first practical application of this concept.”

## The strange world of quantum physics

The wavepacket approach is based on a concept developed within the framework of the quantum theory, one of the best proven but least intuitive scientific theories. This theory makes, for example, the



mind-boggling statement that the location of a particle, or its quantum state, is not a certain fact but a matter of probability. Hence from the perspective of quantum physics, an electron moving in orbit around the nucleus of an atom appears to be a sort of "probability cloud" spread over a relatively large area, and not, as classical physics maintains, a particle whose position is clear-cut.

Introducing some "sanity" into this seeming blurring of reality. Austrian physicist Erwin Schrodinger in 1926 formulated a concept to "reconcile" the quantum theory's view of particles with the classical model. According to this concept, different quantum states of a particle—each of which can be visualized as a wave—can be combined to form a "wavepacket." And when the waves in the packet come together to form a single peak, for a certain time interval this packet behaves like a classical electron, atom or molecule that obeys the laws of Newtonian mechanics.

As befits the strange world of quantum physics, wavepackets lose shape, spread and disintegrate over time. But in 1989 Averbukh, together with his colleague Dr. Naum Perelman (both working in the former Soviet Union at the time), expanded this scenario of Schrodinger's. They discovered that, amazingly enough, wavepackets are able to reappear, sometimes as several smaller identical "probability clouds." Each isotope follows its own cyclic pattern of such quantum "revivals," whose periodicity as its unique "identity card."

Now Averbukh, who has worked at the Weizmann Institute since immigrating to Israel in 1991, has

developed a method for separating isotopes using their "revival" identity. First, an extremely short laser pulse is applied to a mixture of different isotopes, exciting them and causing them to form wavepackets. At the precise moment when the wavepackets of the two isotopes are identifiably different, a second laser pulse is applied to ionize one isotope but not the other. The ionized isotopes are then simply pulled out of the mixture using an electric field.

This method, in effect, creates an isotope separation "machine" operating at the level of a single molecule or atom.

In the study reported in *Physical Review Letters* (#77, p. 3518, 1996), conducted by Averbukh with scientists from the Steacie Institute for Molecular Sciences in Ottawa, Canada, the wavepacket approach was successfully applied in a laser lab to separate two different isotopes of bromine. The Canadian team included Dr. Marc J.J. Vrakking, Dr. D.M. Villeneuve and Dr. Albert Stolow.

The researchers believe that apart from isotope separation, wavepacket technology can also be used to control chemical reactions and in a variety of other applications. For example, it may eventually be applied to the development of ultrafast switches that turn on and off a trillion times a second—one thousand times faster than the fastest existing switches.

Yeda Research & Development Co. Ltd., the Weizmann Institute's technology transfer organization, has filed a patent application for the wavepacket isotope separation approach.

The Weizmann Institute of Science, in Rehovot, Israel, is one of the world's foremost centers of scientific research and graduate study. Its 2,400 scientists, students, technicians, and engineers pursue basic research in the quest for knowledge and the enhancement of the human condition. New ways of fighting disease and hunger, protecting the environment, and harnessing alternative sources of energy are high priorities.

## Yeast at the Service of Cancer Research

### ICRF Scientist Discovers Important Role for One-Cell Organism in Cancer Studies

Yeast, the simple organism that converts sugar into alcohol, is responsible for the production of many popular food items such as wine, beer and baked goods. But yeast seems capable of playing a greater role when cast as a "player" in the scientist's laboratory.

One such scientist, sponsored by the ICRF/ISRAEL CANCER RESEARCH FUND, is Dr. David Engelberg who, with ICRF's continued support, has established his own laboratory at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.



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# Blumenthal Jewish Home

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## Chai-lights

April Issue



*Sue Clein, Editor of the BJH Chai-lights, accepts the 1st Place Award for the Home's newsletter at the NCHCFA Conference. Seen with her are Al Herman, President Elect of the BJH Board of Trustees and Seth Levy, Executive Director.*

## BJH "Chai-lights" Honored with 1st Place Award

If you are reading this article, you are enjoying an award winning publication. Blumenthal Jewish Home was honored at the 1997 Annual Conference of the North Carolina Health Care Facilities Association held in Greensboro in February. *BJH Chai-lights*, the Blumenthal Jewish Home newsletter which is printed as a part of the Times Outlook, received the 1996 First Place Community Involvement Award for a professionally printed newsletter. The Blumenthal Jewish Home *Chai-lights* is produced ten times a year and brought to its readers as a section of the American Jewish Times Outlook, printed in Charlotte. Sue Clein, Director of Public Relations for the Home and editor of the *Chai-lights* for almost nine years, accepted the award at the Community Involvement Awards Luncheon held at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. Also attending the luncheon from BJH were Seth Levy, Executive Director and Al Herman, President Elect of the Board of Trustees. BJH was very honored to receive this recognition from the North Carolina Health Care Facilities Association. We thank the Blumenthal Foundation and the production staff of the American Jewish Times Outlook for their assistance and support over many years which has enabled the Home to continually produce a newsletter of this quality. We congratulate Sue Clein, editor of the BJH *Chai-lights*, for her outstanding efforts in bringing Blumenthal Jewish Home news to our constituency in a very personal, creative and informative format.



# Sue's News

## Consolidated High School Students Visit BJH

Ninety-five students along with eleven teachers from the Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies in Charlotte arrived at the Home on Sunday January 26, at 10:30 in the morning. They poured into the Commons filling it with their high energy, enthusiasm and expectations. The students came to learn a little bit about old age and at the same time to learn about themselves as they interacted with the residents. In preparation for their visit the students had attended a sensitivity training workshop held at the Charlotte JCC the previous day. Upon their arrival at the Home the eighth and ninth grade youth appeared to have little trepidation and a great deal of excitement regarding who or what they would discover during this intergenerational activity. The classes were large but the students efficiently divided into small groups to tour the Home and to meet the residents who lived on the different wings. As the students moved from room to room, some lingered, quickly involved in a conversation with a resident while

others moved on to greet new faces and present the beautiful gifts of flowering plants which were brought by each student.

What did these eager students discover on their visit to BJH? They met elderly individuals who welcomed the youth into their home and who were pleased to have a visitor; they found those who made them laugh with their humor and others who made them cry. The students discovered articulate story tellers ready to share bits of their life story and individuals who wanted to hear the students tell about their own lives. Both the visiting teens and the residents whom they met enjoyed the time they shared on that Sunday in January. The residents delighted in the energetic young people who came bearing gifts and left a little sunshine and warmth on a cold winter day.

Shortly after, on a wintery day in February, a large box filled with cards, notes, letters and photographs arrived for the residents, bringing with



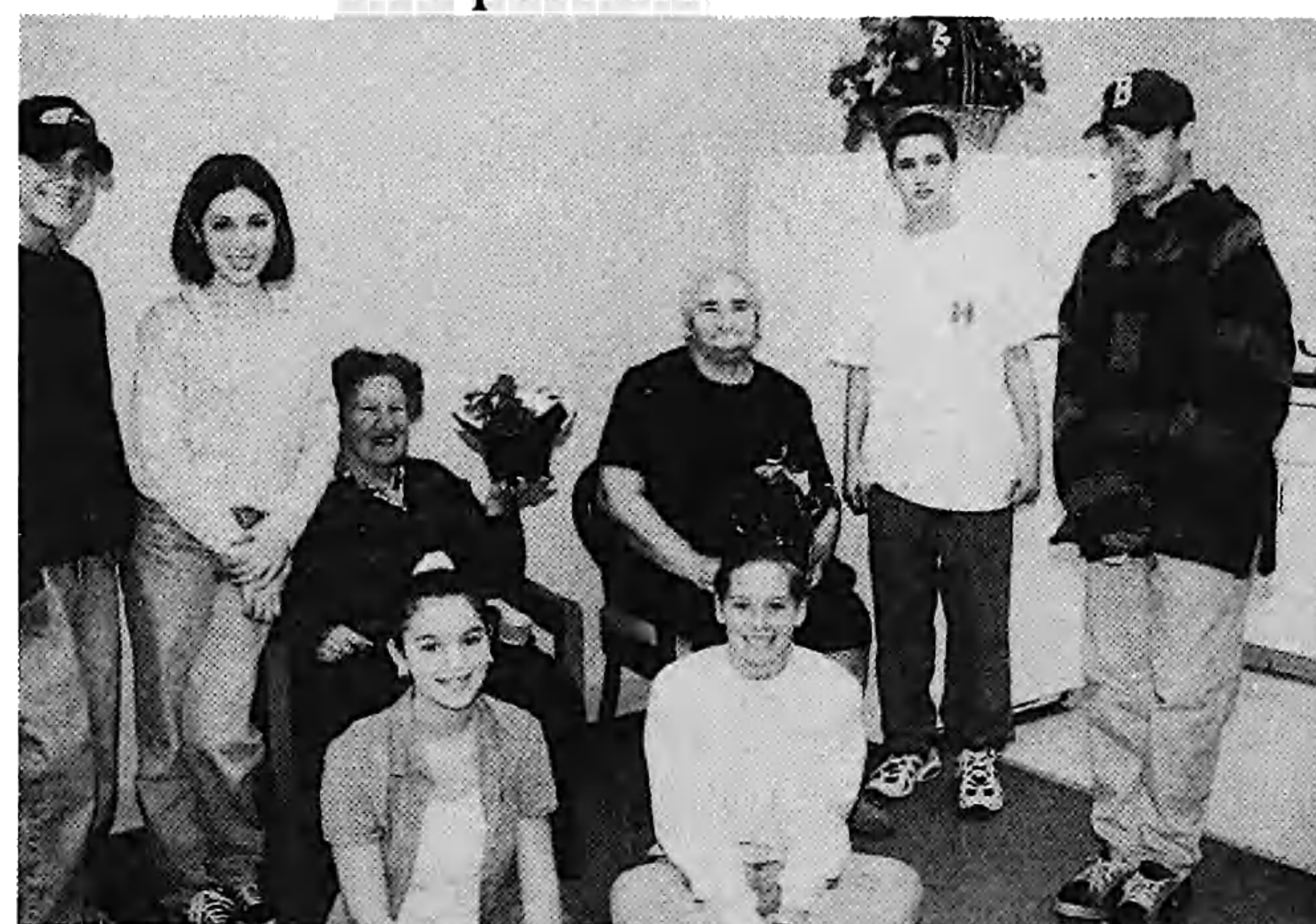
*Irene Mendelson is delighted with her gift and visit from a Charlotte student.*

it continued warm wishes from the students and a nice reminder of the visit. Some notes were just a sentence or two, others longer, many were embellished with original colorful drawings or cartoons intended to brighten someone's day. All contained heartwarming messages, words of thanks and good wishes.

For the students, this trip to the Blumenthal Jewish Home may be only a brief visit and a brief note to someone with whom they shared a moment in time or perhaps it may be just the beginning of a long lasting appreciation for the individuality of "old age" and of the people they met and an appreciation for the uniqueness of this special place called the Blumenthal Jewish Home. Our thanks to Sue Brodsky, Director of the Consolidated High School and the teachers and parents who made this visit possible.



*Students from Charlotte visit residents throughout the Home; pictured enjoying their visitors are Sally Waldman and Basya Yudelevich on the right and Ruth Menins to the left picture.*







## WELCOME

May you have a long, happy,  
healthy life.

**Marilyn Nelson**  
Fayetteville NC

*Saul Gottlieb appears to  
be the pied piper as he  
gives the visiting  
students a tour of his  
home in Fair Oaks.*



*Florence Blumenstein is seen chatting with her visitors in her room  
on A-wing.*

# Calendar Highlights April

# 1997

4. Catholic Mass, with Holy Family Catholic Church, Friendship Room, 10:00 a.m.
6. Sunday Sweets, with Sisterhood Temple Emanuel, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.
8. Monthly Birthday Party, with Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
11. General Store, Mansion Library, 10:00 a.m.
14. West Forsyth High School Anchor Club, Friendship Room, 3:00 p.m.
15. Leave for V. F. W. Senior Citizens Luncheon, Fair Oaks Lobby, 10:00 a.m.
15. Residents Council Meeting, B-1 Dining Room, 2:00 p.m.
17. Leave for Greensboro Starmount Country Club, Fair Oaks Lobby, 10:30 a.m.
18. Shopping at Hanes Mall in Winston-Salem, Fair Oaks Lobby, 9:30 a.m.
20. Brenner Concert, 20th Century Music Revue, Commons Auditorium, 2:00 p.m.
21. Mini Seder, A-wing Dining Room, 10:00 a.m.
21. First Passover Seder, Commons Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.
22. Passover Services, Synagogue, 9:30 a.m.
22. Second Passover Seder, Commons Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.
23. Passover Services, Synagogue, 9:30 a.m.
28. Passover Services, Synagogue, 9:30 a.m.
29. Passover Services - Yizkor, Synagogue, 9:30 a.m.
30. B-1 Cookout, B-1 Dining Room, 11:30 a.m.
30. News and Views, with Leonard Clein, Friendship Room, 10:30 a.m.



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## Millie's Musings

We are constantly reminded of how many persons everywhere engage in some type of volunteer work, of how much money their donated hours are worth, of how many people with special talents would have to be employed to provide the same benefits. However, rarely do we hear of the quality of those donated hours given by the volunteers; their commitment, their compassion, their hugs bring joy to the residents of the Blumenthal Jewish Home. The week of April 13-19, 1997 has been designated as "National Volunteer Week". At BJH we appreciate the difference that our volunteers make each and every day.

Welcome to yet another group of teenagers who have become friends of BJH residents. Several students from Forsyth Country Day School have been visiting every week on a one-to-one basis. They play chess and monopoly with residents, help arrange clothing in drawers, trade photograph albums and listen to memories of long-ago. Strong bonds of friendship have been formed between the two generations. This group of students includes Erin Comeford, Priti Rao, Scott Davis, Drew Parker, Lindsey Graham, Liz Kimel and Nameeta Penkar.

We welcome also the new volunteers from Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem who have joined our ranks in the past few months. We truly appreciate our volunteers who have joined us to go on shopping trips to the Mall, who visit residents for long heart to heart discussions, bring their babies to visit, sing to the residents, lead discussion groups or help in the General Store and the Gift Shop. We welcome and thank Jean Fromson, Amy Lamy, Michele Sigal, Loma Simon, Elbert Levy, Edna Green and Drew Garland, Judy and Ben Breakstone and Fran and Meredith Paige.

Volunteers are always needed. Call Millie Slatkoff and find out how you can help at BJH, 910-766-6401.

## National Volunteer's Week April 20th to 26th

*Thanks!*

A special thank you to all our volunteers for the caring and the sharing which they give to BJH!

Remember, when you see volunteers, say hello and thank them for all that they do!



Volunteers Jean Fromson, Leonard Clein and Pamela Wolfman greet Dorothy Rogat as she arrives at the Hanes Mall shopping trip.

## "Blumies" is Blooming with Great Gifts for all occasion!



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Tues. 12-4p.m.  
Thurs. 1-4 p.m.  
Fri.; 3-5p.m.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL

Emma Bates  
Doris Ingram  
Elsie Karesh  
Irene Mendelson  
Vera Morrison  
Bertha Schwartz  
Norman Simmons  
Ethel Sutton



*Intergenerational events  
bring generations  
together! Seen clockwise:  
Fair Oaks resident Rae  
Glickman chats with a  
Charlotte teenager,  
Children's Hour visitor  
Gillian Paige delights her  
admiring fans and Fair  
Oaks resident Saul Gottlieb  
entertains his visitors with  
an informal concert.*



*Volunteer Lydia Thabet and BJH resident Eunice Stephens enjoy spending time together on the mall shopping trip.*

## IN MEMORY OF

*We mourn the loss of:*

**Ann DeFilipp  
Mary Garner  
James Moorhead**

*May their cherished memories bring  
comfort to their loved ones.*

## WISH LIST

Item	Price
Single Section Roll-In Refrigerator	\$3,000.00
Food Processor Hobart #FP100	\$1,600.00
Food Processor Hobart #FP61	\$1,500.00
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Pan Rack ADE 1818/KDA	\$ 200.00
Clothing Fund For Indigent Residents	\$ 200.00
VCR	\$ 200.00
Koss Personal AM/FM Stereo Cassette Players	\$ 90.00

We invite you to help us purchase these items. If you are interested, please send your check to:

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If you have any questions, please call Seth Levy at (910) 766-6401.

We shall provide appropriate recognition for the items which are purchased.



# Staff Notes

## Employees Recognized for Years of Service

BJH staff who celebrated special anniversaries of employment during 1996 were recognized and honored at a festive catered dinner on January 10th held at the Ramada Inn in Clemmons. Individuals celebrating five, ten, fifteen, twenty and thirty years of employment with BJH received special gifts in recognition of their dedicated service to the Home. Family, friends and co-workers attended the dinner with the staff who were being honored. Employees were praised both by their department supervisors and by Executive Director Seth Levy and Audrey Madans, President of the BJH Board of Trustees for their commitment to the Home as they were presented with awards recognizing years of service.



Izora Moore

Long Term employees who received gifts marking their special anniversaries with BJH are: Izora Moore of the Dietary Department in recognition of thirty years of service to the Home; Lena Wall, instructor in the Craft Shop, for twenty years of service; Judy Garret, LPN on Fair Oaks, for fifteen years and Sue Clein, Director of Public Relations and Volunteer Services, for ten years of service.

Employees receiving five year pins are Tracy Davis, CNA A wing, Larry Gattison, Housekeeping, Wanda King, Laundry, Mitzi Malinzak, Administration, Tad McClamrock, Maintenance, Donna Sims, RN A wing, Mike Smith, Dietary, Pam Snowden, LPN B2, and Betty Tucker, LPN B1. Blumenthal Jewish Home is extremely proud of the high retention rate of its staff. We appreciate their ongoing commitment to providing the highest quality of service to the residents within a caring environment.



Lena Wall

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following  
staff members who celebrate  
anniversaries  
of employment in

#### APRIL

31 years

Izora Moore, Dietary

16 years

Judy Garrett, LPN

14 years

Anne Clampitt, Pharmacy

7 years

Shelby Mullis, LPN

5 years

Janice Grimmer, Dietary

Billy West, Maintenance

4 years

Judy Hardy, CNA

3 years

Heather Golds, Administration

2 years

Marge Pastirik, RN

1 year

Carol Spillman, LPN



Judy Garret

**BJH**  
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*Sue Clein*



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# IMMEDIATE NEWS

## Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

### "A FERTILE SPIRIT: AMERICAN JEWISH POETRY OF THE 90'S"

On January 30, Dr. Rick Chess led a discussion looking at poetry by a new generation of Jewish American poets whose works show a deep interest and knowledge of Jewish Culture.

### HOLOCAUST SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS PHOTO EXHIBIT

Dr. Deborah E. Lipstadt, speaker and author of national prominence on the subject of revisionist history, spoke at the Jewish Community Center on Thursday, February 6.

Dr. Lipstadt is Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies at Emory University in Atlanta. Her latest book, *Denying The Holocaust: The Growing Assault On Truth and Memory*, published in 1993, is the full-length study of those who attempted to deny the Holocaust. Dr. Lipstadt was historical consultant to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum where she helped design the section of the Museum dedicated to the American Response to the Holocaust. In 1994, she was appointed by President Clinton to serve on the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council. In July 1994, she accompanied President and Mrs. Clinton to Poland. She has

appeared on CNN, CBS's Sixty Minutes, NBC's Today Show, ABC's Good Morning America, and is a frequent contributor to such newspapers as the *LA Times*, *Washington Post*, *NY Times*, *Time*, and *Newsweek*. Because of her refusal to debate Holocaust deniers since the appearance of her most recent book, she has declined appearances on a host of national television shows.

### I NEVER SAW ANOTHER BUTTERFLY

Bevill Community Theater from Hamilton, Alabama, presented the Holocaust drama, "I Never Saw Another Butterfly," by Celeste Raspanti on Saturday, February 22, and Sunday, February 23. Both shows were at the Green Door Theatre, 49 Broadway, Asheville.

### WOVEN YOUTH NEWS

Report from Woven Group Youth of last month. The youth had a group dynamic's activity and a hike at the Arboretum for Tu b'Shevat. During February, Woven Youth had some really great activities.

### SUMMIT SERVICE

Rabbi Ratner conducted a short service and discussion at The Summit for our Jewish Community's residents on Friday afternoon, February 14, at 1:30 pm. Our residents very much enjoy it when members of the community join them for these services. Rabbi Birnham led services there on March 21, at 2:00 pm.

### SISTERHOOD

"Reading of the Will" was a program sponsored by Sisterhood and Hadassah at the JCC on March 2. It was open to husbands and guests. Facilitators were Rabbi Shmuel Birnham and Dr. Barbara Gerber, PhD, Clinical Psychologist.

### ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

On February 28, Susan Hedgepeth and Don Joyner shared their feelings. The topic was, "For Love of Faith: Feelings of Jews by Choice." The program was coordinated by Toby Cohen.

On March 14, attorney Frank Goldsmith spoke on the topic, "Fighting Neo-Nazis in North Carolina." This was coordinated by Dr. Ron Manheimer.

On March 28, Dr. Robert Hart Baker, the conductor of the Asheville Symphony Orchestra, shared his knowledge of "Hymns and Haydn (Judaica Adaptations by Classical Composers)." The program was coordinated by Dr. Eric Wellisch.

### COMFORTING THE BEREAVED

This program was presented by Sue Greenberg and Rabbi Birnham. Sue discussed the psychological aspects of loss, mourning, and grieving and Rabbi Birnham discussed how our Jewish tradition deals with death and mourning, and how we can help and comfort mourners. The program was sponsored by the Adult Education Committee.

### WHAT WE CAN DO TO RID THE WORLD OF THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST

On February 23, at Congregation Beth Israel, the guest speaker was Gideon Spiro, an Israeli Anti-Nuclear



Activist. The program was co-sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel, Asheville Friends Meeting, and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

### UNCA CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDIES — FEBRUARY PROGRAM

On February 15, Aviva Kempner, filmmaker, spoke at UNCA Humanities Lecture Hall. This was co-sponsored by Cinematique.

Aviva Kempner, documentarian, screened her film, "Partisans of Vilna." Kempner is the producer, co-writer, and researcher of the feature length, award-winning documentary film about Jewish resistance of the Nazis.

In her documentaries, Ms. Kempner investigates non-stereotypical images of Jews in history. For over ten years she has been the producer, director, and scriptwriter of "The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg," a two-hour documentary that traces the career of Hall of Fame baseball player, Hank Greenberg, during the troubled decades of the thirties and forties. Excerpts of this documentary were shown on Sunday, February 16, also.

She writes weekly about Jewish cultural issues for the "Washington Jewish Week" and feature articles for the "Washington Post."

Her most recent awards include recipient, Fund for Jewish Documentary Filmmaking from the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, 1996, and Fellow, John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fund, 1996.

### LUNCH AND LEARN FOR SENIORS WITH RABBI BIRNHAM

On March 6, Rabbi led a discussion on the subject/reading material that was available to the participants who came to the enjoyable meeting.

### POT LUCK SHABBAT DINNER

There were twenty-eight members who enjoyed a pot luck Shabbat supper, honoring and saying good bye to Dr. Rick and Laurie Chess and Gabe, and Alice and Margaret Teich, daughters of Laurie Chess and Hank Teich, who are departing for a two-month stay in Israel. We certainly wish them Mazel and a wonderful time and we'll talk about their trip when they return.

Jessica is also in Israel at this time and we are looking forward to her return for her to share her view of what has been happening in Israel.

### MAZEL TOV

On February a daughter, Rachel Kalfin Slosman, was born to Marvin and Susan Slosman of Alpharetta Georgia. The proud grandparents are Benson and Sandy Slosman. To Gary and Natalie Kramer on the birth of a son, Ethan Ryan Kramer, on February 24. To David and Sue Seidenberg on the birth of a son, Noah. To Debra and Jeff Slosman on the birth of a daughter. To Harry Lerner, on the birth of a granddaughter, Lily Ariel Lerner, and to the parents, Joseph and Dalia Lerner of New York City.

### Temple Beth HaTephila Asheville NC

by Marjorie Schachter

**THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE**, like the Universe, is growing and growing. Its monthly meeting was held at Leah and Morris Karpen's on Sunday, February 8, and, as usual, there was a lot to think about. The discussion, based on the topics "Maimonides on

Medicine" and "Lost Art of Healing," was ably led by Mark Boyd, and the refreshments (festive loaves of bread baked by Ruth) were supplied by Ruth and Ike Chicurel.

**THE SISTERHOOD** plans a performance of *Gander Sauce*, a comedy by Betty Smith featuring our own theatrical talent. Also in the work is Sisterhood's mammoth Rummage Sale. Co-Presidents Shirley Rapoport and Julie Lee thanked Temple members Alison Berkey, Frank Gilreath and Shirley Berdie and Congregation Beth Israel members Marcie Blackstock, and Natalie and Gary Kramer for helping to make the Community New Year's Eve party a success: the party raised money for the Jewish Community Center's new Infant and Toddler Care Facility.

They also thanked JCC director Marlene Bregar-Joyce for her support, and Joe and Jean Karpen, Jon and Aileen Pearlman, Julie and Marty Lee, Ken and Ellen Kaplan, Frank Gilreath, Phil and Carol Cohen, Alison Berkey and Milton Lurey for their generous sponsorship of the event.

More thanks went to Hilda Pozner for sorting and distributing the 1000 books contributed by Carolina Day School to the Temple's Book Discovery program.

Members of Sisterhood occasionally visit the Summit, the local retirement facility that's the home of several elderly Temple members, and accompany the Rabbi when he makes his monthly visit there.

**ISRAELI FOLK DANCING** is cause for applause, going strong under the light-footed leadership of Susan, wife of Rabbi Ratner. In February the dancing took place after Religious School Shabbat Family Services on



the 28. Susan says "It's been fun having all ages and stages join us. . ."

**RABBI RATNER'S ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES** continue to interest more and more students. In February his Hebrew classes were held on the 2nd and 16th, and his History classes on the 9th and 23rd.

**THE BROTHERHOOD** at its regular meeting on January 14 approved the purchase of Psalm 133 "in support of the Temple's fundraiser via the hand-lettered Book of Psalms," according to the Temple Bulletin. It also approved the engagement of Dr. Marvin Wilson, Professor in the department of Biblical and Theological Studies at Gordon College, Wenham Massachusetts "to lecture and be the discussion leader at the annual Isaac Lichtenfels Institute of Christian Clergy at the Temple in May."

**THE RITUAL COMMITTEE** reports that the moving of the organ from the choir loft down to the floor of the sanctuary and repositioning the speakers were very successful, both in making the music a more participatory experience and in vastly improving the sound.

**THE SHABBAT MORNING RECONSTRUCTIONIST MINYAN**, recently introduced on an experimental once-a-month basis, had an attendance of over two dozen at its first session and is expected to continue. Quoting Marty Lee's notice in the Bulletin, "The service was described as a Reform version of 'davening' with more singing and chanting."

**LUNCH WITH THE RABBI** it was supposed to be, but wasn't, but time with Hilde Hoffman it was. On February 17, Hilde, visiting from

Atlanta, told the assemblage about her days as a girl in Germany when Hitler came to power. To hear about that time from someone who survived it was a tremendously powerful experience.

**RABBI RATNER EXPLAINS IT ALL** at a recent Career Day at Haw Creek Elementary School. His talk about the Rabbinic profession elicited heart-warming letters of thanks from the students.

**MAZEL TOV** to Audie and Bob Bayer on the birth of their first grandchild, Peter Ciporin, on December 13, 1996, and to Carol Blatt on her recent conversion to Judaism, and to Jeff and Juli Dave on the naming of Graycen Dave.

**MANY THANKS** to David and Rita Hicks (Estelle Marder's daughter) for their donation of new lines on the Temple's parking lot, to Dick Braun for the new wall holder for the Bulletin and other important notes, to Phil and Carol Cohen for helping in the presentation of Reconstructionist Judaism for "Ask the Rabbi, and to Allen Abrams for the beautiful new Torah stand he made for the Temple.

**HELLO, NEW MEMBERS!** A warm welcome from everyone to Dr. and Mrs. Fred Gold, to Dr. and Mrs. Barbara Friedman and their sons Dylan and Evan, to Billy Jonas, to Ms. Lauren Rudner, and to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mayer and their daughters Aimee and Wendy.

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## Organizations

***Speizman—Mullen Wedding***

Amy Louise Speizman of Charlotte NC and P. Donald Mullen, II, of Atlanta GA were married March 1, 1997 at Temple Israel, Charlotte NC. Rabbi Murray Ezring and Cantor Elias Roohvarg officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephen Speizman of Charlotte. She is a graduate of Charlotte Country Day School and the University of Wisconsin.

The bride's grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Milton Kantor of Charlotte and the late Mr. and Mrs. Morris Speizman.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mullen of Brunswick, GA. He is a graduate of Glynn Academy High School and Georgia Southern University.

The groom's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Ezell of Valley Alabama and the late Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Duncan.

The wedding reception was at the Westin Hotel in Charlotte. There were three hundred people in attendance.

The maid of honor was Amy Eddy of Atlanta GA. Bridesmaids were Shannon Dahl, Sara Citron, Erica Martin, Ericka Ryals, Jane Berryhill, Natalia Kutynsky, Stephanie Heil, Jodi Speizman and Michelle Mendel.



**Best man was David Ray Grubbs.**

The groomsmen were Mark Speizman, Barry Speizman, Bryan Speizman, Tucker Ryals, Craig Schwall, Philip Coblenz, Craig Coblenz, Michael Martin, II, and Patrick Kelsay.

After a honeymoon at Jumby Bay Resort on Jumby Bay Island, they will reside in Atlanta GA.

Amy Mullen is a Senior Accountant for Torrey Homes in Atlanta. Don Mullen is a Sales Manager for Speizman Industries, Inc.

**JCC Hosts  
Rabin Exhibit**

**Asheville, North Carolina**

The Jewish Community Center of Asheville, 236 Charlotte St., Asheville, North Carolina will host the photographic exhibit "Rabin Remembered" from May 1-28, 1997 at the JCC.

The road to peace can be seen in the life of Yitzhak Rabin who won the Nobel Prize for Peace with Shimon Peres and Yassir Arafat.

Born in Jerusalem in 1922, he fought in Israel's War of Independence and was Chief of Staff in the Six Day War. After retiring from the army, he was Israel's Ambassador to the U.S. and then Prime Minister from 1974-77. In 1992 he became Prime Minister for the second time.





On November 4, 1995, he was assassinated shortly after speaking at a peace rally in Tel Aviv.

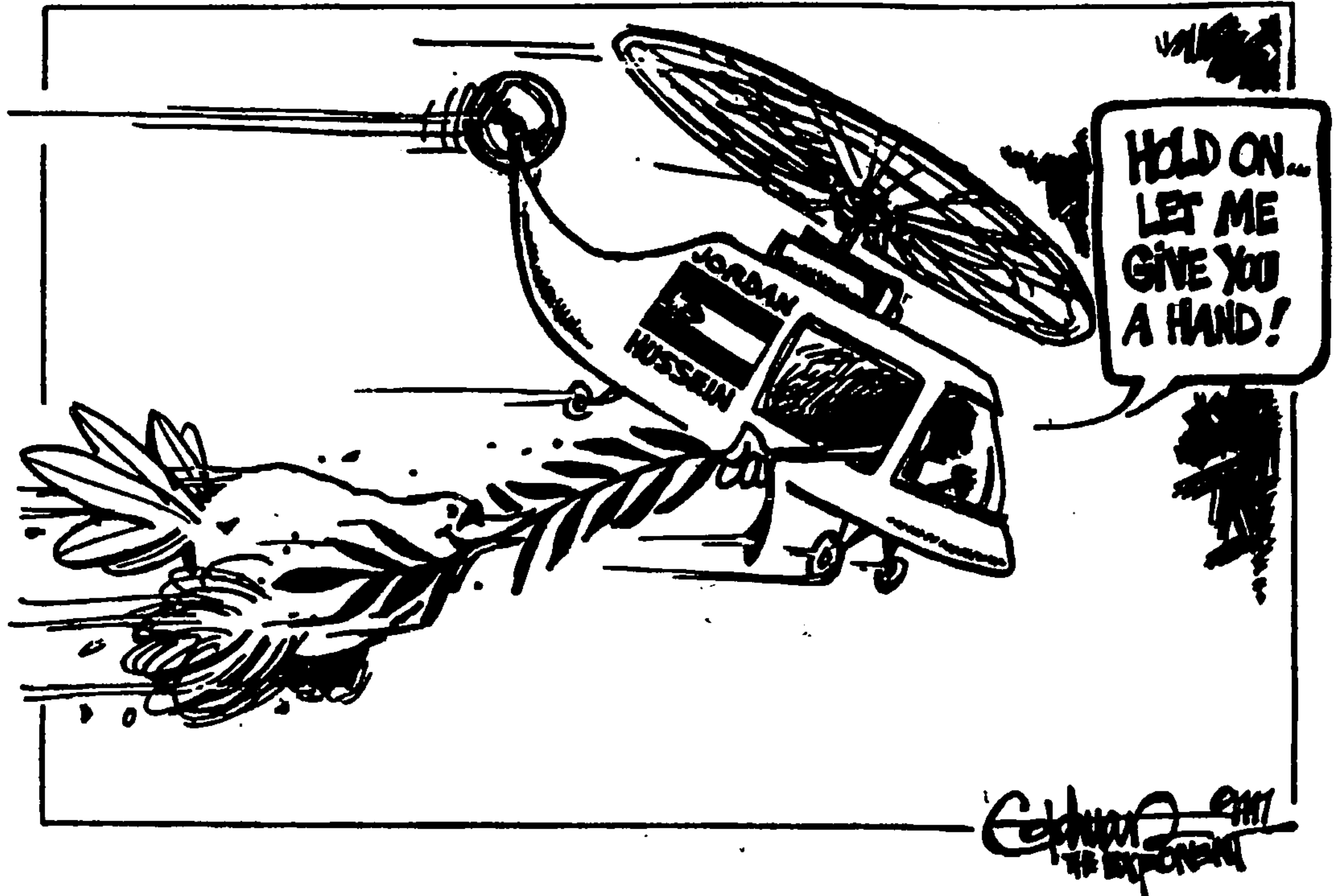
DON'T WHISPER A PRAYER, SING ALOUD A SONG OF PEACE: YITZHAK RABIN IN WASHINGTON stresses the connection of Jerusalem and Washington, the capital cities important to Rabin's life and career.

This exhibit, sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington and the Embassy of Israel, consists of 25 framed photographs and labels which highlight Rabin's years in our Nation's capital. He served as Israel's Ambassador to the United States from 1968-73.

Also featured in the exhibit are memorable photographs of Rabin and Arab leaders including Mubarak, Hussein, and Arafat during events at the White House including the historic signing of peace agreements on the White House lawn. The exhibit includes photographs of Rabin with Prime Minister Golda Meir, Henry Kissinger, and Presidents Lyndon Johnson, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton.

This special exhibit memorializes Yitzhak Rabin's tremendous accomplishments on behalf of the peace process in the Middle East. Particularly significant of this exhibit being shown in May is that 2 of Israel's most important national holidays are May 11 and 12, Israel's Memorial Day and Israel's Independence Day. Rabin was one of Israel's most important soldiers for Israel in times of war and peace.

The entire community is invited to attend this exhibit without charge.



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inseparable part of Polish history. Teachers have relative freedom in what they teach, and they are increasingly focusing on what happened in our country under the Nazis."

Dr. Jacqueline Giere of the Fritz Bauer Institute For Study & Documentation of the Holocaust in Frankfurt-am-Main described to participants the interest of young Germans in the subject, and its teaching in the country where it was "conceived, facilitated, approved and activated, where people participated in it, ignored it or turned the other way."

Children and teachers in the German classroom today have no direct connection with the Holocaust, she pointed out, especially with Germany of the 1990s a *de facto* land of immigrants. In the late 1980s, a grass roots movement arose, in which youngsters and their teachers started searching for traces of Holocaust history. "Authentic sites dot the country," she says. "Kids find former Jewish homes and synagogues on their own block. They find family members and neighbors who witnessed the daily denunciations and humiliations. They're learning to recognize the signs. The study of National Socialism is now compulsory in German schools, with teachers walking an awkward tightrope between guilt and the responsibility of the individual to do or not to do."

It is this universal theme that has made the Holocaust a study-magnet in nations as diverse as South Africa, Russia, Holland and Japan. And while Jews can only welcome this new focus and understanding of their bitter past, it is desirable or correct that the Holocaust be 'hijacked' as an event that belongs to all mankind? If it is to become a universal lesson in discrimination, human rights and the evils of totalitarianism, what of its uniqueness as a Jewish tragedy—a genocide planned, directed and practiced against a specific group of people?

"The Holocaust should be taught as a universal experience with unique aspects," educator Ruth Wilson of Sydney, Australia, told the conference. "We must guard against undermining Holocaust history, and instead transform it by the way we teach it so that all nations will benefit from this uniquely Jewish tragedy."



# UNTO

by Wendy Elliman

(WZPS) Since its introduction in 1989, the worldwide name recitation project—**Unto Every Person There Is A Name**—under the auspices of the Speaker of the Knesset, has become an integral part of Holocaust Day in communities throughout the world.

## EVERY PERSON THERE IS A

In synagogues, community and cultural centers, Jewish schools and universities in Israel, North America, Eastern and Western Europe, Africa, Asia, Oceania, and the former Soviet Union, Jewish and non-Jewish community members and leaders, as well as government representatives, participate in ceremonies in which names of Jews who perished in the Holocaust are recited.

# NAME

The theme of this year's **Name** project is the children who perished in the Holocaust from cold, from hunger, from overwork, from torture or from gassing, and were "robbed of the chance to sing, laugh, study, grow and see their children grow." The reciting project will ensure that at *least* their names survive.



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(WZPS) Frantisek Bass, known as Franta, was born in Czechoslovakia on September 4, 1930. He was 11 years old when he was taken to the concentration camp at Theresienstadt, and 14 when he died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz. Miroslav Kosek was born in Bohemia on March 30, 1932 and lived for 12 years before he was murdered at Auschwitz five months before his *bar mitzvah*. Eva Schulzova's place of birth is no longer known. She came into the world on July 20, 1931, and left it amid the horror of Auschwitz on December 18, 1943, shortly after her 12th birthday.

The names of these three youngsters will be read aloud at Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day ceremonies all over the world this year as part of the Unto Every Person There Is A Name project, launched from Israel in 1989 under the auspices of the Speaker of Israel's Knesset, together with Yad Vashem, the World Zionist Organization, the World Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, the Israel Public Council for Soviet Jewry and Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The project's theme this year—the million and a half Jewish children who perished under the Nazis—will ensure that their names at least survive them. For tens of thousands of others—not even that much remains.

"Six million is a cold and abstract number that's impossible to grasp," said Haim Roet of the project's international committee who initiated the Name project. "It's only when we start to focus on individuals—six million of those individuals, each robbed of the chance to sing, laugh, study, grow and see their children grow—that we get some sense of the enormity of the tragedy."

In schools, synagogues, community centers and cultural centers all over the world, Jewish and growing numbers of non-Jewish groups, now gather each Holocaust Remembrance Day to remember and link with individuals who fell victim to Hitler's Final Solution. They stand in silence. At a podium draped in black, with Yizkor candles burning, individuals stand to

read out the names of the dead, their date of birth, their place of death, and the age at which they died. Some ceremonies focus on those lost from their own communities, their own towns or regions. Youth groups may read the names of youngsters. There's no shortage of names.

"With whole villages and communities wiped off the face of the earth by the Nazi killing machine, the names of a whole generation have been lost," said a representative of the project's international committee. "An important part of the project is encouraging survivors to register the name of any victim they remember. These names are added to Yad Vashem's Pages of Testimony, which stands as a symbolic gravestone for those who died and were never buried."

The Unto Every Person There Is A Name ceremonies don't only personalize the loss and the suffering, but also serve important educational purposes as well. If anti-Semitism is no longer state-sanctioned, xenophobia and racism remain rampant: Jewish leaders are still threatened, Jewish cemeteries still desecrated, Holocaust memorials destroyed and concentration camp sites vandalized. And as well as serving as a red flag to anti-Semitism, the Names project is also a response to dangerous ignorance and indifference to events still within living memory—and in particular, of course, to the Holocaust deniers.

"In the harsh conditions of the ghettos and camps, it was the weakest who died first, and the children were the weakest of all," said Professor Yisrael Gutman, Holocaust survivor and chief historian of Yad Vashem. "They froze to death in the streets, they were starved, tortured and worked to death, and they were herded into the gas chambers. They faced their fate alone, often with no one left to weep for them and leaving behind them no remembrance of how they lived or died."

The lucky ones who survived to grow up will stand with those born in the years since to remember them, to mourn them, and to declare for all to hear: *Never Again!*



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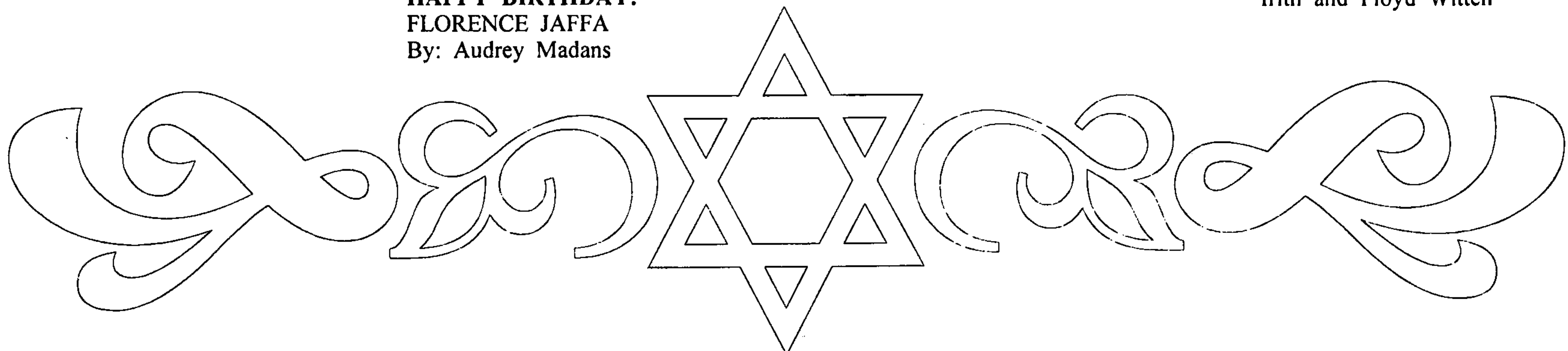
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# Editorial

## American Jewish Committee

### **Calls For Naturalization Process That is Fair to Immigrants and that meets America's Needs**

The American Jewish Committee has urged the federal government to take all appropriate measures to ensure that the process of naturalization is accessible for all immigrants who are eligible to become U.S. citizens.

AJC, a member of the Campaign to Promote Naturalization, a coalition of ethnic, immigrant advocacy and civil rights groups, took part in press conferences today held in Washington DC, New York and Los Angeles. The news conferences were scheduled to take place prior to hearings by the U.S. Congressional Oversight Committee on Naturalization, which is expected to review U.S. naturalization procedures used in recent years. Similar events in Boston, Chicago, Houston, Miami, San Francisco and Seattle are also planned throughout the month of March.

David A. Harris, AJC Executive Director, released the following statement:

"Few American institutions compare to naturalization in so profoundly and effectively binding this country and immigrants to one another. For the immigrant, citizenship offers security, stability and a sense of ownership in the enterprise of American democracy. For the nation, new citizens provide an important source of intellectual, cultural and economic capital.

"Over the last year, naturalization rates increased greatly, due in large measure to the Immigration and Naturalization Service's commendable efforts in recent years to catch up with a long backlog of applicants for citizenship. This welcome development has nevertheless drawn criticism from some quarters. Critics have charged that the naturalization process is not stringent enough and that it should be reformed to make naturalization more difficult to achieve.

"It is altogether fitting that Congress, which sets immigration and naturalization laws, monitor the execution of those laws, and it is entirely appropriate that members of the Oversight Committee seek to refine the naturalization process where they believe there are problems. But the American Jewish Committee believes that the fundamental framework of our current process of naturalization has served the country and generations of immigrants well. That process requires immigrants to reside legally in the country for five years after their arrival and pass rigorous tests ensuring their English proficiency and understanding of American history and civic values.

"Proposals to lengthen the permanent residency requirement to eight years and to require onerous fees to applicants appear to have no other purpose than to harass immigrants and leave them in a state of legal limbo longer than is reasonable. It would be especially unfair to punish those who have already applied for naturalization, and thus, in the middle of the game, change the rules nearly all have diligently played by. Similarly, there is no well-founded reason to impose such extreme burdens on new applicants either.

"We share concerns about speculation that among those recently naturalized there were people with criminal records that would have disqualified them from becoming citizens. The American Jewish Committee encourages the INS and other relevant government authorities to conduct thorough background checks to insure that criminal aliens do not illegally join the ranks of the naturalized, and we welcome the INS's stated commitment to revoke citizenship from those aliens whose criminal records should have disqualified them from naturalization. Still, we must stress that such checks should be carried out in a manner that does not



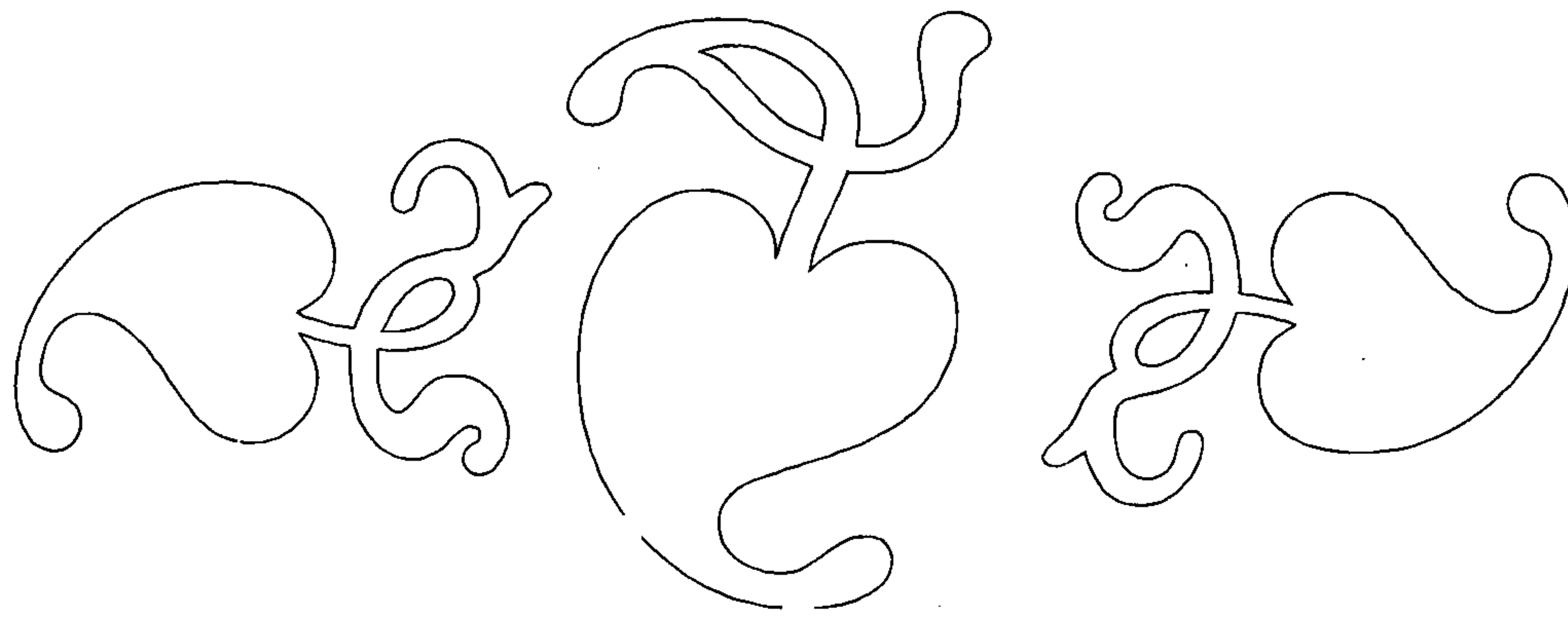
gratuitously burden would-be citizens or delay their cases unnecessarily.

“The central question underlying the discussion about reforming the naturalization process is whether or not we as a country view immigrants as an asset or a liability. The American Jewish Committee does not advocate an unchecked flow of immigration to the country. We also strongly support efforts to protect the integrity of our international borders, so long as those efforts are consistent with due process and civil rights concerns.

“At the same time, we believe deeply that immigrants are in incalculable ways assets to this country. The evidence of this is abundant. Our own Jewish community, much of which can still be counted as foreign born, has proved its loyalty to and respect for fundamental American values and contributed greatly to America’s rich cultural, political and economic life. Every immigrant community can fairly boast of a similar contribution.

“Citizenship does not, never has and never should come cheaply for anyone. For most immigrants, it is an achievement that solidifies their own commitment to America. We support a policy that encourages citizenship, puts it within reasonable reach and taps the potential that lies within each immigrant.

“We join our allies who comprise the Campaign to Promote Naturalization, as well as other like-minded Americans, in urging our policy makers to preserve the great tradition of naturalization.”



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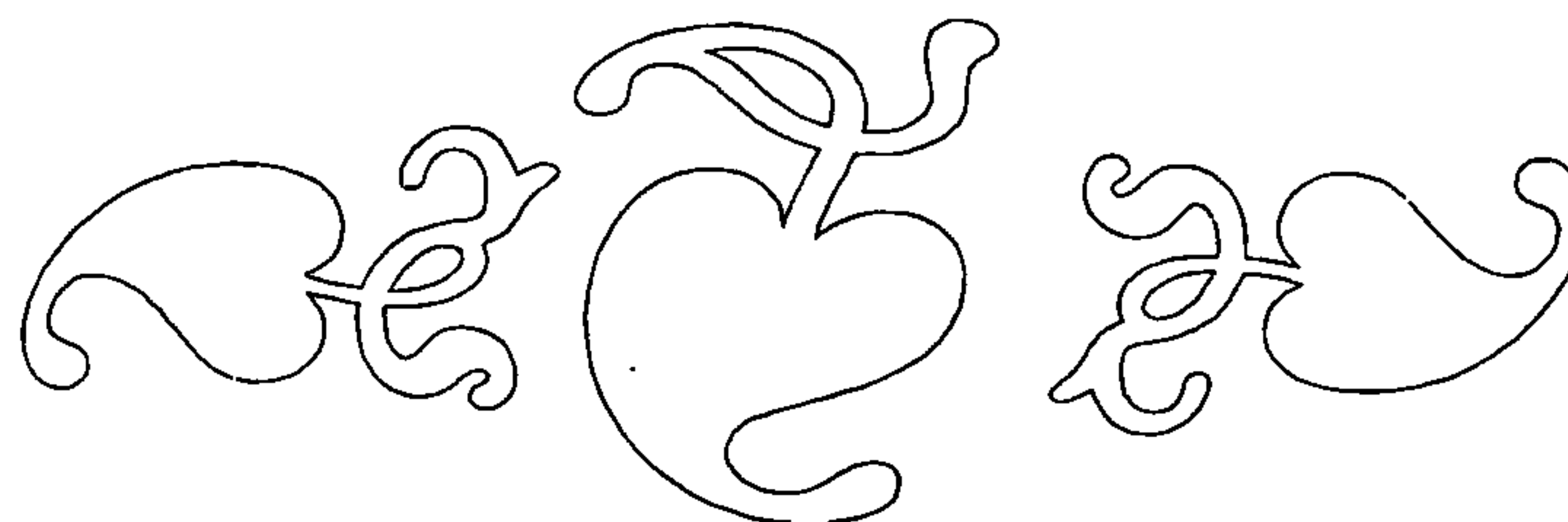
*In the faces of the children  
that you and I adore*

*In the sparkle of the moonlight that  
often paves your way*

*In the joy of sharing memories  
of all our yesterdays*

*Know that I am always there  
caressing you with love  
Embracing both your heart and  
soul from my peaceful  
world above. . . .*

*Debi Nevel Dreckler*





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# Who Was Wallenberg?

Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg numbers among the great heroes of the Holocaust. He was born in Stockholm on August 12, 1912, to a prominent family of bankers, industrialists, and diplomats. Wallenberg's early life and education were guided by his grandfather Gustav Wallenberg following the death of his father soon after Raoul was born. The elder Wallenberg, Swedish ambassador to China, Japan, and Bulgaria, encouraged his grandson's international outlook and humanitarianism. In 1935, Raoul Wallenberg received a Bachelor of Arts in architecture with honors from the University of Michigan. Returning to Sweden to train in banking and international trade and join the family business, Wallenberg was enveloped by events in Europe.

In July 1944, on the recommendation of the Swedish branch of the World Jewish Congress and with support from United States War Refugee Board, Wallenberg was appointed special attaché and second secretary to the Swedish Legation in Hungary. In Budapest, Wallenberg

rapidly established a special department under legation auspices, the so-called "Section C," with the sole function of preventing the deportation of more than 200,000 Hungarian Jews remaining in Budapest. More than 400,000 Hungarian Jews had already been deported to Auschwitz following the Nazi occupation.

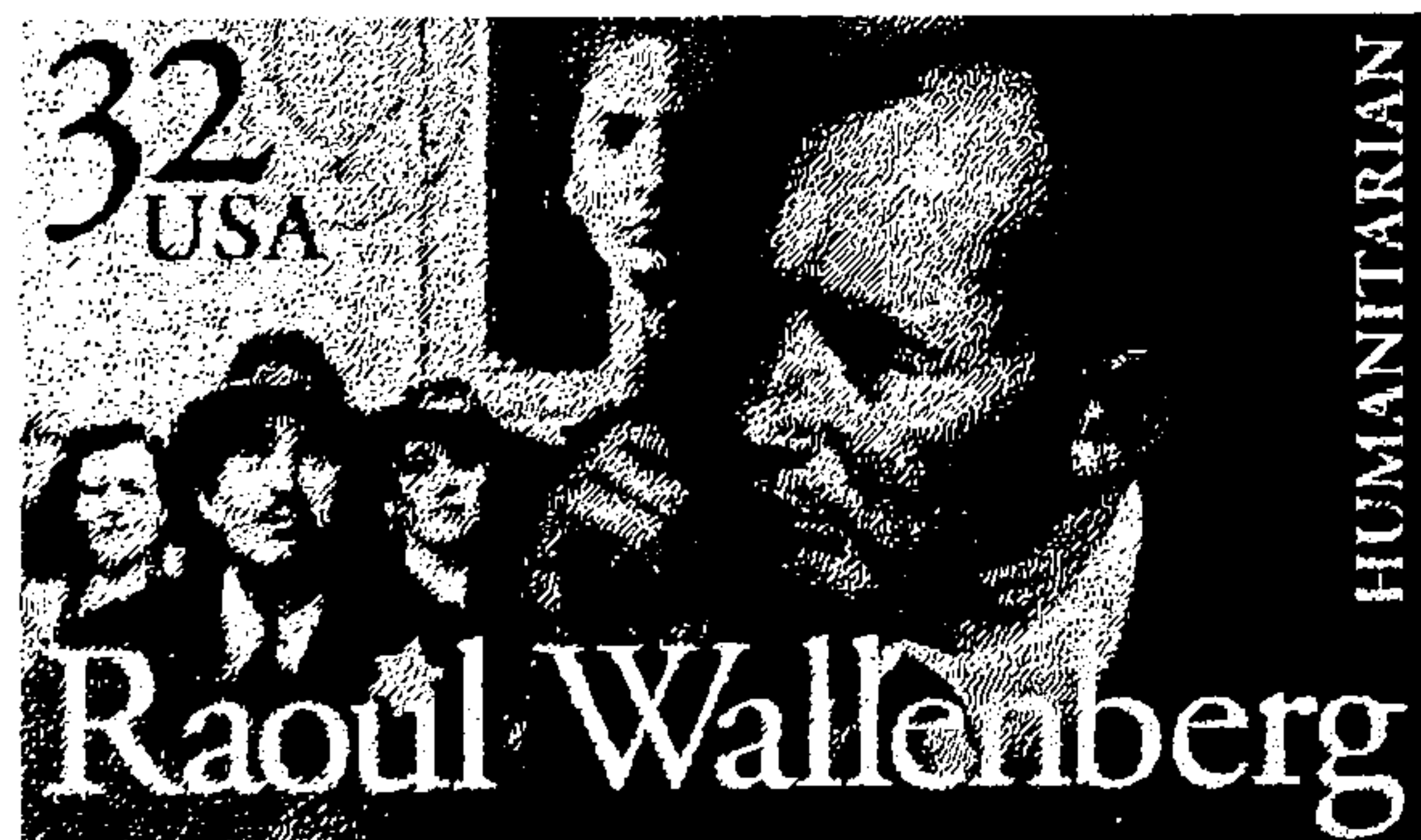
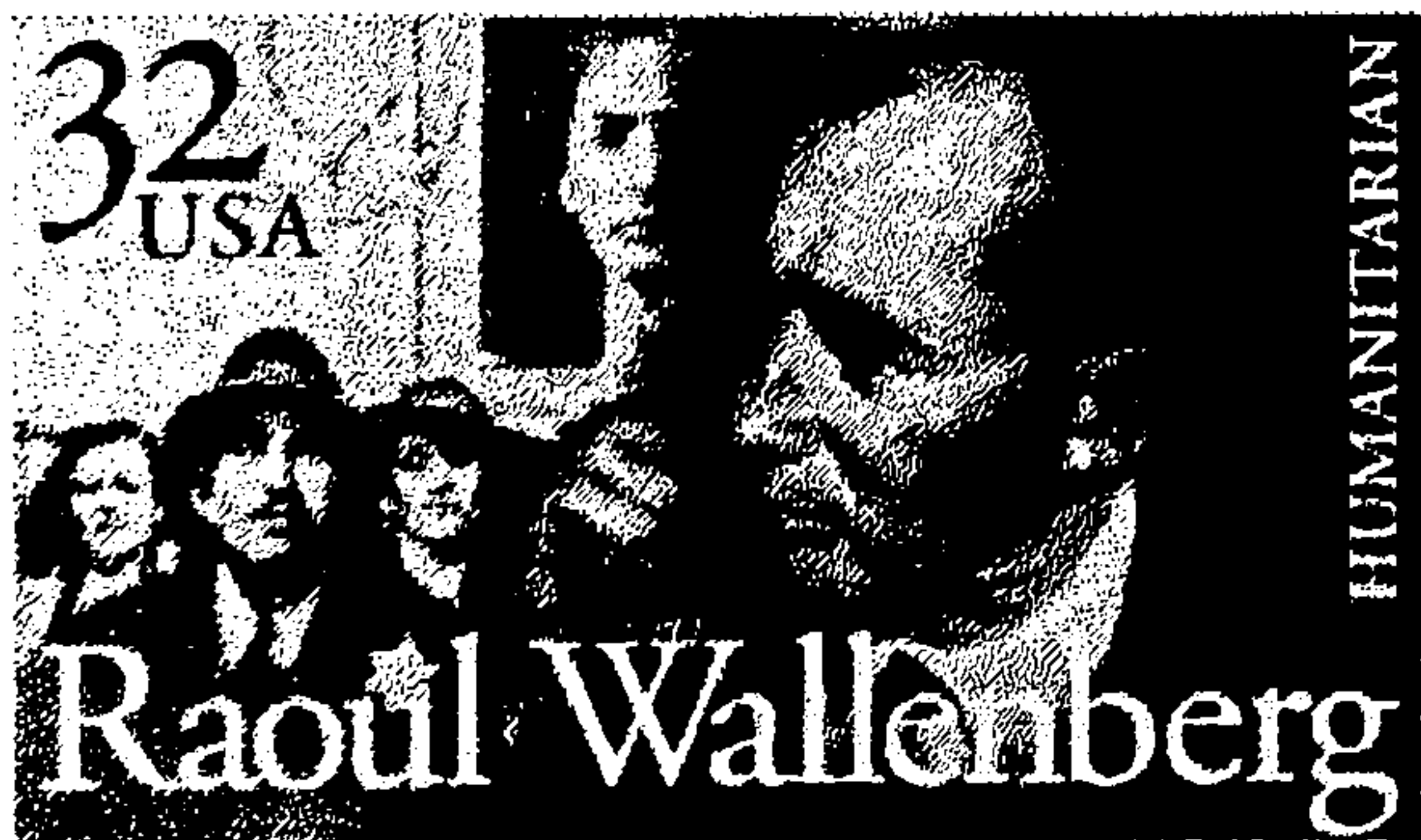
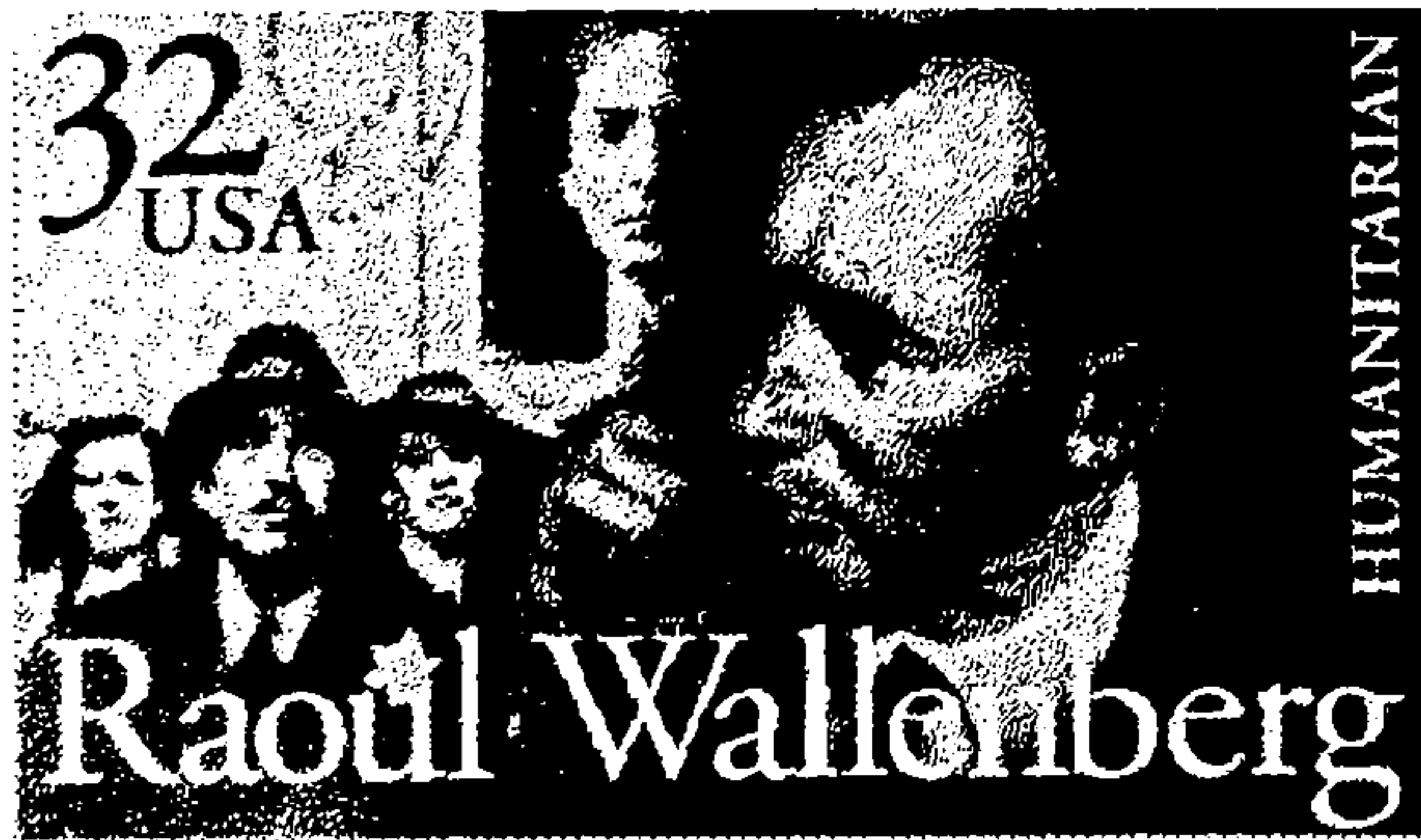


Through Section C, Wallenberg immediately issued several hundred Swedish passports to Hungarian Jews with familial or business ties to Sweden. Within a short time of his arrival, he devised a protective pass, the *Schutz-Pass*, adorned with the Swedish

colors, an embassy stamp, and his signature. He established numerous safe houses where he placed thousands of imperiled Hungarian Jews under the protection of the Swedish government. Utilizing the safe houses and the *Schutz-Pass* and other spurious documents, Wallenberg is credited with personally saving more than twenty thousand Hungarian Jews, many of whom he removed from trains even as they were bound for Auschwitz.

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# Wallenberg Stamp To Be Issued At Holocaust Museum

WASHINGTON—The US Postal Service paid tribute to Raoul Wallenberg on April 24 when a commemorative postage stamp bearing his likeness was officially issued in a ceremony at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum here.

“This April we will pay tribute to a man whose efforts on behalf of humanity make him a hero to us all, at a place where we are so vividly reminded of the magnitude of his contribution to mankind,” said Postmaster General Marvin Runyon.

Miles Lerman, chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council said, “The Holocaust Museum is honored to be hosting this important event. By issuing a postage stamp bearing Raoul Wallenberg’s likeness, the United States Postal Service is helping to preserve the memory of a courageous rescuer of Jews from Nazism, and an honorary American citizen.”

S. David Fineman, member of the Postal Service’s Board of Governors, who plans to attend the issuance ceremony said, “As we look for modern day heroes, we should not forget the heroes of our past that made the future possible. Raoul Wallenberg showed the world that one person with the courage to care can make a difference.”

Born August 12, 1912, an heir of a prominent Swedish banking family, Wallenberg studied architecture at the University of Michigan in the 1930s. In 1944, he was appointed a Swedish special diplomatic envoy to Hungary.



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# Fulfillment Takes Center Stage at “Mercaz HaMagshimim”

BY SUSAN HERSH SACHS

(WZPS) Summer 1996 saw the opening of an interesting and unprecedented phenomenon in Jerusalem—a housing facility for young, single adults from English-speaking countries—a cross between an apartment complex and absorption and community center.

“Hadassah Women’s Organization gave us the center on probation,” says Kate Brody, the Center’s business director. “We just had to come up with a program for young adults.” The residents at Mercaz HaMagshimim (Center for the Fulfillers), living in the Center’s 26 single rooms, pay a nominal rental fee. In return they are expected to participate in trips, be involved in the special programs (and clean up after) and to contribute in some way to the Shabbat meal.

The program Brody came up with brought the smell of grease paint and the roar of the crowd to the Center—the city’s newest English theater group—Center Stage Theater. Hadassah accepted the proposal for the drama group, of which Brody is also director, and provided the 150-seat theater—the auditorium of a former yeshiva—and the financial backing that made the renovations possible. As for ushers and ticket sellers and staff to direct traffic to the available parking, young people from the Center volunteered for this work.

Center Stage Theater just completed its first run, to grand and well deserved applause, with *Steel Magnolias* by Robert Harling, a dramatic comedy centered around the lives of six women from Louisiana. The actresses range in age from 17 to 32 and have a strong background in community theater.

Dori Frumin from Louisiana is the only cast member who refined her lyrical southern drawl at her Mamma’s knees. Amy Rubenstein from Deerfield IL, is presently studying at Hebrew University and will be majoring in theater at Boston’s Brandeis University in the fall. Yael Dank, from Pomono NY, has a BA in psychology from Stern College and is now living and working in Israel. Tanya Shapiro was involved in a drama workshop for over a decade in Capetown South Africa, and Leah Colmer, a native Californian, received her degree in radio/TV/film and journalism at California State University.

Only one member of the *Steel Magnolias* cast, Noa Mendelsohn, actually lives at the Center, although that fact had no bearing on being chosen for the play. “She was very good and the best people got the parts,” explains Kate Brody, speaking with cool objectivity.

Noa, the child of South African immigrants, was born in Jerusalem but raised in Toronto, Ontario. In 1993,



after graduating from the University of Toronto, she arrived in Israel, a determined new immigrant, to study at Hebrew University's Law School. Noa, who now works at the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, felt "a sense of community here, a sense of purpose—this was not just a personal matter—I felt that society itself had a sense of purpose. I felt more alive here. . ."

How does she find life at the Center? "My place here is gorgeous! I painted the walls lemon yellow and I arranged my room so it looks like a studio apartment. If I close the door I have all the privacy I need, and if I open it I have all the company I want."

Judy Kunovsky, a student at Nishmat, an institute of advanced learning for Orthodox women in Jerusalem, who served as stage manager for the production, also brought a great deal of dramatic experience to the production, and also rates Center Stage Theater highly. She received her degree from NYU, where she started a Jewish theater group, and acted with the Jewish Community Center of greater Hartford CN. How does she compare her previous experience with working on *Steel Magnolias*? "This is more intensified than work in a Jewish Community Center, and far more professional.

The director and lighting and sets people were a family, a real team."

Would she do it again? "I am doing it again." We've started work already on the next program, in late March '97—a trio of one act plays, including Terrence McNally's *Noon*.

Still, where does Center Stage Theater fit into Jerusalem's English-language cultural scene, considering that two other English language theater groups are active in the capital? Brody says she was quite happy to advertise JEST's next play in the *Steel Magnolias*' program, and received enormous help and guidance from Zipora Peled of the Jerusalem Stage Players. In fact, she says, "there's a mutuality to the arrangement with the Players since we provide them with space for their rehearsals. There's plenty of room for more theater groups here in Jerusalem," she concludes.

Mercaz HaMagshimim, or the Center for the Fulfillers, certainly does seem to have more than fulfilled its aim, and provided a great deal of fulfillment in the process.



*A scene from Steel Magnolias, which takes place in a Louisiana beauty salon. WZPS photo.*



# “Slowly, Slowly Will The Egg Walk On Its Own Feet”

by Sissy Block

Since January 1996, *Bahelachin* (Aramaic for “our culture”), Israel’s first Ethiopian cultural center, has been working to help bridge the cultural gap between veteran Israelis and new Ethiopian immigrants and to preserve the cultural integrity of Israel’s Ethiopian Jewish community.

Since the establishment of the Center, Israeli and Ethiopian social workers have given over 600 lectures and workshops on Ethiopian culture and commonly held stigmas, founded a library with thousands of books and articles on the *Beta Yisrael* community, produced a number of educational publications, carried out extensive documentation of the community, and begun a computerized genealogy project.

Adjusting to life in a country whose society and culture is so different from their own has posed immense difficulties for the Ethiopians. The Center is not only helping Israelis penetrate the Ethiopian’s “wax,” the outer covering that readily meets the eye, and find the “gold,” the main hidden message, but is making Ethiopians appreciate and take pride in their heritage.

*Alemu Ishete, an Ethiopian-born artist and museum guide employed by Tel Aviv’s new Ethiopian Cultural Center, talks to a group of Israeli schoolchildren about the history and culture of the Ethiopian Jews. WZPS photo courtesy of the Bahelachin Center.*





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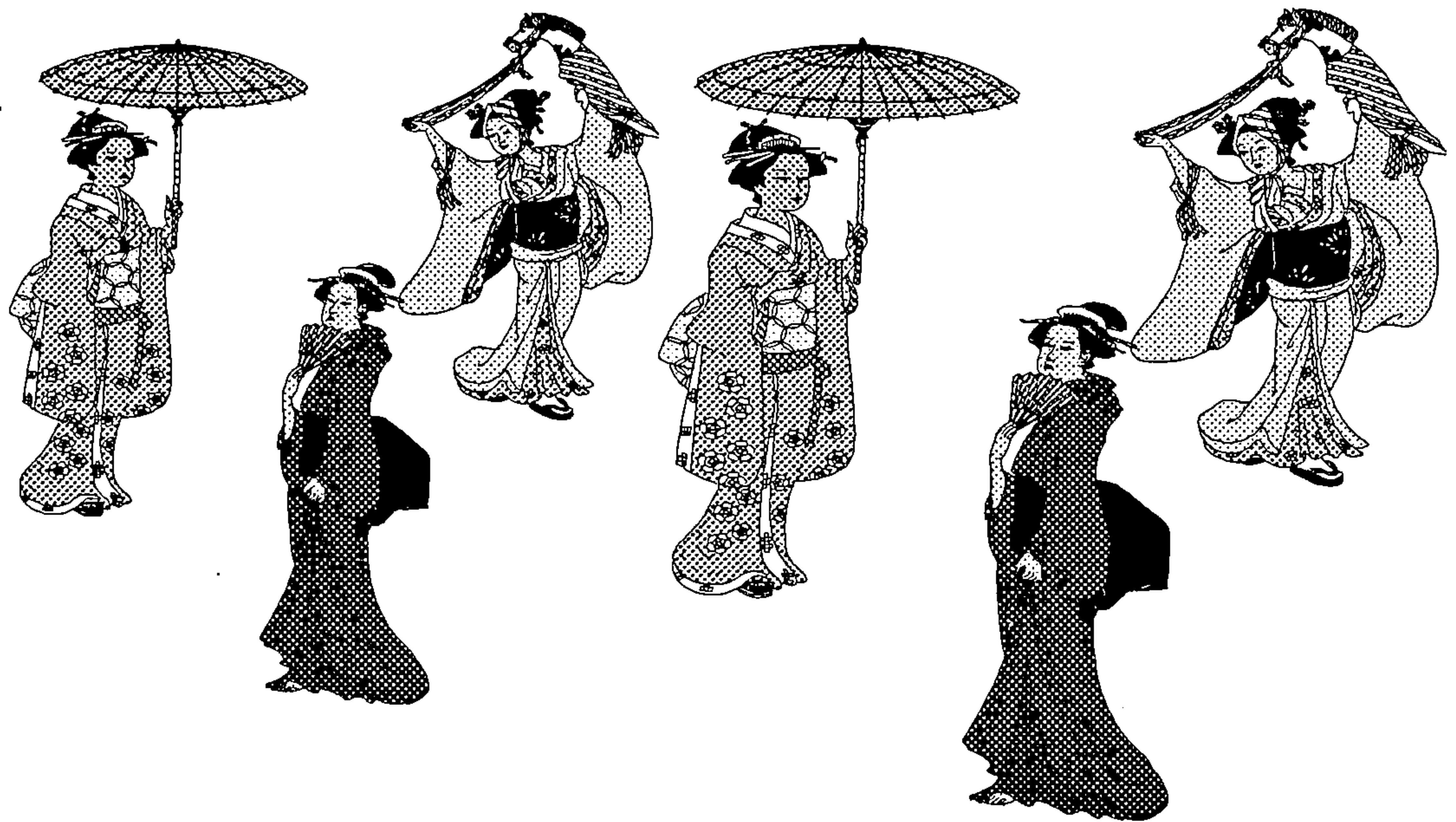
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Yosef is now the librarian at the Center's Guttman Library which contains thousands of books and articles on the *Beta Yisrael* community, as the Ethiopian Jews are traditionally known. The library, which serves as a resource center for students and other interested parties, is the largest library of its kind in Israel, and perhaps the world. Eight of the 11 workers are Ethiopian born.

Aside from educational lectures, the Center produces publications and carries out extensive documentation of the community. This involves capturing in written or in audio-visual format the life stories, cultural anecdotes, history and heritage as told by elders, religious leaders and other key information sources. The idea is to gather the oral history of the community to pass on to future generations. "It is important to do this before the main cultural brokers disappear [pass away]," says Budowski.

The wisdom of elders is valued in Ethiopian society, reflected in the Ethiopian proverb "*The child runs fast, but the elder arrives first.*" The Center, in cooperation with elders and the communities' religious leaders *kahanat (cohenim)* and in conjunction with rabbinical and civil courts aid social services, also provides a countywide family and community consultation and mediation service. What

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(WZPS) A chart-topping ballad-singer, the music of Islamic countries, and Jerusalem's city council, are the unlikely ingredients of a new and unique academic school of music. The Center for Classical Oriental Music and Dance opened its doors in October 1996 to 68 students and a dozen teachers. Its aim: to revive, study and disseminate "the vast heritage of Oriental music that today is barely a comma in the syllabus of our music schools," according to well-known Israeli balladeer and a co-founder of the school, Yehoram Gaon.

Gaon, best known for the lyrical Ladino romances he croons in his rich tenor was elected a Jerusalem city councilor three years ago where he and his friend of 30 years, musician Avi Shoshani, began promoting the idea of a school to preserve and develop the classical Oriental music tradition. Since then, they have obtained rent-free premises from the World Center for North African Jewish Tradition and extracted a \$125,000 starting budget from the city, using part of that to build seven classrooms and an auditorium. (The city has continued its support for the school, and is providing half of this year's budget of over \$400,000. The remainder, they hope, will come from donations.)

"We had no problem in recruiting teachers," says Shoshani. "Bar Ilan University runs a course in the teaching of Oriental music for musicians trained in Western music. Most of those who enroll are immigrants from the former USSR, and a dozen of them now teach in our school's five departments—instrumental, theory, vocal, dance and composition. Because of the quality of teaching, we expect to receive full academic accreditation very shortly."

One talented teacher, in fact, is completing a textbook on the methodology of teaching classical Oriental music, which the school hopes to use as the basis of a high school matriculation course to be introduced into the syllabus in the coming academic year.

Students were also recruited with ease. Most come with academic degrees in music and, perhaps surprisingly, four in every five are from European backgrounds.

Ilan is one of the 80 percent of students who come from an Ashkenazi background. "I'm interested in all types of music," he says. "Western, Indian



# The Music of the East School for Classical Oriental Music Opens in Jerusalem

by Wendy Elliman

raga, you name it. I'm delighted to have an opportunity to study a form of music so closely linked to the part of the world I live in."

Gedaliah is from a Sephardi family. "I grew up with Arabic music," he says. "In synagogue, at home, that was what I heard. But when I wanted to study music academically, I had to study Western music. Now I have a chance to fill out that musical education."

"Our purpose is far wider than serving the 60 or 70 students, who study full-time at the school," says Shoshani. "We want the Open University to credit its students for courses taken with us. We hope to produce a range of teaching texts, like the methodology text now in preparation, and plan to contribute to the Bar Ilan course which has trained our teaching staff. In addition, we'll be working jointly with the Education Ministry and Educational Television to create and run an ongoing series of programs that teach a wider public about this kind of music."

A renaissance of classical Oriental music, led by an academic school, is necessary, according to Gaon and Shoshani, for two main reasons. First, says Gaon, this type of music wasn't written down until this century. "Much of its effect depends on how it is performed and because it relies on oral tradition, there's no absolute way of performing any piece of music."

The second reason is social. Jews immigrating from North Africa and the Near East in the 1950's found their culture derided in the Western-oriented State of Israel, and their music repressed and suppressed.

"That's very sad, both ethnically and musically," says Gaon. "There's a huge body of such music that is simply beautiful. A major message of the school is to display this rich Sephardic-Jewish musical heritage, and let people decide for themselves what they like."

For the longer term, Gaon and Shoshani nurse more ambitious aims still. "The school is unique, not only in Israel but also in the Arab world," says Gaon. "I hope that eventually students from Arab countries will come to study this shared musical tradition with us, as well."

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unversed Israeli doctor or psychologist, for example, would understand the meaning of an elderly couple's claim that their "food and water is finished"? The couple's real message is that they feel their marital relationship has reached a dead end: food symbolizes the physical connection between the couple and water represents the affection and attraction between them.

This kind of service is in the spirit of yet another Ethiopian saying, "*The weed of the land is to be plowed under by the oxen of the same land*," which refers to the use of the combined cultural tools, Ethiopian and Israeli, being employed to deal with cultural problems.

Since the extended family is regarded as sacred in Ethiopian culture, the Center has a genealogy project, a computerized listing of family trees. Many Ethiopians are able to list the names of 10 or more generations of relatives by heart. Mehrehetu himself can name seven generations of his own family.

The Center's Tel Aviv home is only temporary, as a National Museum of Ethiopian Jewish Culture is being planned in Jerusalem. All that's needed, says *Bahelachin* Director-General, Eli Ben-Gal, is for the government to allocate land to build on. All are hopeful that things will not be delayed too long and the golden truth will be revealed from the Ethiopian proverb, "*Patience is bitter, but its fruits are sweet*."



# Shoulders TO stand On

BY SIDNEY SUSSMAN

It had been said, that we grow by standing on the shoulders of those, particularly our heroes, who came before us. Many of our young and those more mature should know of two of our great ones, two men who lived and worked for us around the turn of the century and then on into later years. The two who deserve our gratitude, respect, and almost veneration are Joseph Trumpeldor and Vladimir Jabotinsky. Both were born around 1880. Trumpeldor was killed in Israel in 1920. Jabotinsky died in 1940. Both devoted their lives, so that a later state of Israel could be formed, by helping early Jewish settlers to survive.

I would like to briefly introduce these two men. While much has been written about both of them, only little is available here in the US about Trumpeldor. Joseph Trumpeldor was born in Russia in 1880. He joined the Russian Army in 1902. He saw war service in the far eastern campaign against the Japanese. During the Battle at Port Arthur he lost Merit for his valor. Trumpeldor has the distinction of being the only Jewish officer in the Tzarist Army. He was given the rank of Captain for bravery.

After leaving Russia, he emigrated to Palestine, and settled there in 1912. During WWI, he joined the Allied army. Trumpeldor was expelled from Palestine after refusing Ottoman citizenship. He devoted much of his

efforts to establish a Jewish Legion. He helped found the Zion Mule Corps. The Corps saw active duty at Gallipoli in the Crimea. Trumpeldor was wounded again during that period of duty.

After the War he returned to Russia. In 1918 he helped establish HeHalutz the Jewish Pioneer Organization that prepared youngsters for settlement in Eretz. He returned to Palestine and helped found the Mounted Defense Units for Jewish settlers. This was later the nucleus for Haganah.

While helping to defend settlements in the Galilee, he was killed during an Arab attack on Tel Hai. He and several of his co-defenders who were killed are memorialized in the naming of the town Kiryat Shemonah in their honor.



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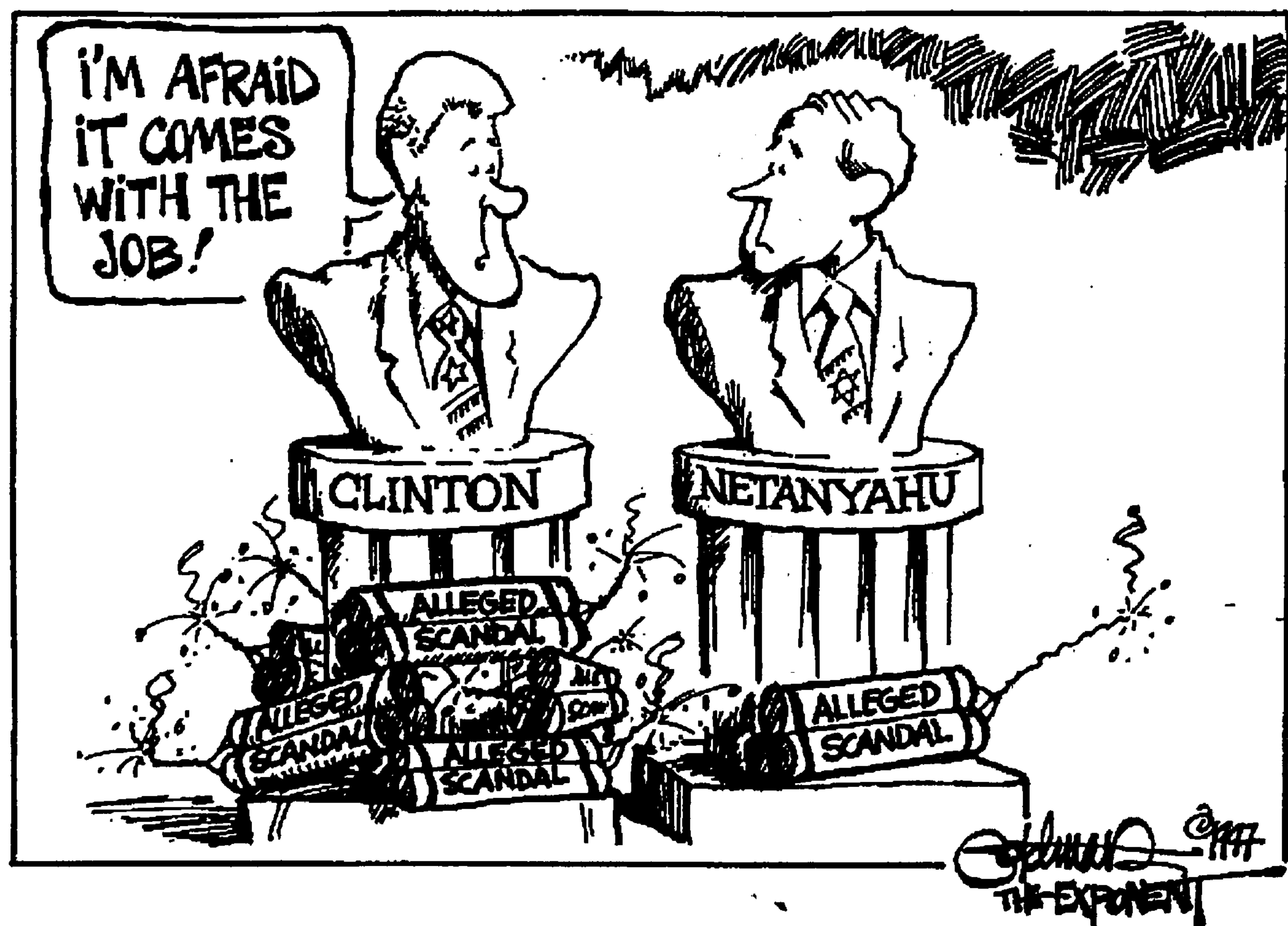
enemy was all around them. The forces of law and order would do nothing. In fact, they helped the attacking Arabs. But Trumpeldor stayed on and fought. Because of him and other heroes, the settlers in Israel were able to hang on. Without these two wonderful people working each in his own way, we would not have survived in Israel. Without others doing heroic acts, we would not have been able to survive as a people.

We have to learn to recognize and support our heroes if we are to continue to have new shoulders to stand on. From Trumpeldor we learn acts of bravery and devotion to his people. His loyalty to Jews under adverse conditions is a testament to the visions and hopes that he had for his people and can be studied by his acts and by the pain that was inflicted on him.

Jabotinsky can be assessed from the body of writings that have been left to us by this indomitable spirit. His contemporaries included Weizman, Balfour, Rabbi Stephen Wise, Achad Ha'am, Herbert Samuel, the Rothschilds and a host of others. Though he often fought with many of them, none in retrospect or after the heat of argument doubted his brilliance and vision for the Jews and the Holy Land. He, too, was a leader and defender of his people and a hero to be eminently proud of.

Jabotinsky died in the US. Twenty-four years later his remains were transferred and interred in Israel near the grave of Theodore Herzl.

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# SURVIVORS

by Cynthia Wroclawski

I visited Avraham Kohavi on an unseasonably warm winter day in January. We sat on his patio for close to six hours as he told me the story of how he survived the Holocaust and how his family perished. Never in my life had I sat face to face with a survivor one on one and never before had I been so moved. Survivors will not be around to tell their story forever. I thank Avraham for being candid and for his courage.

The first time Avraham Kohavi realized he was different was when his father was fired from his job. It was September, 1939, and he, like other middle class Jews in Lodz, Poland, was deprived of his livelihood. One day 11-year-old Lubok Stern (Avraham's former name)

heard his starving eight-year-old sister, Adella, sobbing. "Look I killed them." "She cried all night," Avraham Kohavi, now 66, remembers. "I told her to stop; she couldn't."

"She had taken all her 'children', her dolls, and torn their heads and limbs off," Avraham recalls. "I asked her why and she said that her babies were hungry and that because she had no food to give them she killed them."

Avraham is sitting with crossed legs on a wooden straight backed chair on the patio of his modest kibbutz home surrounded by hundreds of hanging plants. Fighting back tears, the thin, gray-green eyed Kohavi, clad in faded blue work pants and a scratchy brown sweater clutches a framed portrait of a round-faced young girl with dark eyes.

"Will mommy kill me?" Adella asked her brother.

"I won't let them kill you," pledged the boy who, having said those words, aged 30 years.

The Jews of Lodz were scheduled for deportation. Those failing to comply, a sign announced, would be shot on sight. Avraham's family fled to a squalid ghetto. They dragged blankets, clothes and dishes through the snow on Adella's sled to a former horse stable made from rotting wood planks with a dirt floor; no water and no electricity, no windows or doors. "I begged and stole



food," Avraham admits. "That is how I fed the family. Hunger. Hunger. Hunger."

"We lived in very crowded conditions. There were epidemics, hunger and suicides," Avraham says, his voice cracking and his words marked by frequent pauses. "There were bodies everywhere and no one was able to bury them," he recalls. "Death was the norm. Life was abnormal."

When orders were posted in the ghetto for parents to deliver their children to the municipality to be taken to a "sanitarium," the family decided to go into hiding. It was the winter of 1942 when Avraham and his father said goodbye to his mother and sister, never to see them again.

Avraham's father, so weak, could hardly walk. Avraham pushed him up a ladder into the attic of an abandoned house. "There were other people in that attic," recalls Avraham. "They were crazy beasts, packed like sardines in a can. There were people with no clothes on. There was no place to stand. There was no air to breathe. . . ."

Crawling over bodies to get to a shoe box sized window in the attic, Avraham was witness to the German soldiers method of killing of Jewish children. "They grabbed them by their feet and smashed their heads against the wall," he tells. Avraham later learned that his sister was murdered in the same manner. She had left her hiding place to urinate in privacy and her mother, who ran after her, was shot in the back.

When the streets below were cleared, Avraham dragged his father back to their shack in the ghetto. They barely

survived for another year. It was the summer of 1944 when the Jews remaining in the ghetto were rounded up, herded into windowless boxcars and transported to the Birkenau concentration camp.

"I have no idea how long that journey took," concedes Avraham. "I wasn't completely conscious. When the doors of the train opened, the people tumbled out and

dogs dragged out the dead bodies. I looked up and saw six or seven tall chimneys emitting black smelly smoke," he recalls. "I'll never forget that stench."

There was a selection. Women and children were separated from the men. "I held my father up as they prodded us to move along," remembers Avraham. "When we reached a German soldier sitting on a chair, he pushed my father to the left and me to the right. I never saw my father again."

After a week at the camp the boys and young men were stripped naked and subjected to another selection. Avraham, who was short, stood on the tips of his toes and remained with a group that was taken to be branded.

Avraham pulls his brown sweater over his head and points to the black number branded on the inside of his forearm. B-8095.

The prisoners, devoid of strength, were forced to walk to Auschwitz, where a sign at the entrance read "Work Liberates." According to Avraham the camp was "paradise." He took a hot shower with soap; his first shower in four years. He also learned carpentry in Auschwitz. "The Germans probably felt the end of the war nearing and wanted to show the world they had treated their prisoners well," Avraham conjectures.

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# From Holocaust to Revival

BY CYNTHIA WROCLAWSKI

**B**orn in 1915 in Ostrog, Poland to religious Zionist parents, Shika Katzir grew up in a thriving Jewish community and was active in the Hashomer Hatzair youth movement. "At the age of 12 I walked the streets of Ostrog, but in my mind I was walking in the streets of Tel Aviv," recalls Katzir. "I didn't see Poland before my eyes. I saw the Jewish homeland." When the time came for Katzir to enlist in the Polish army, Katzir's father, who sensed war in the air, urged him to flee to Palestine.

Katzir was 23 when he immigrated illegally to Palestine in 1938 via Mossad le Aliya Bet and arrived at the rocky Netanya shore at the foot of one-year-old Kibbutz Mitzpe Ha'yam ("Watch Tower on the Sea"), which he then joined. When World War II broke out, Katzir volunteered for the Jewish Brigade in the British Army, spending most of the war in combat in Africa and Europe.

He remained in Italy after the war, serving as an interpreter in a British intelligence unit searching for

Nazi war criminals and helping Jewish refugees make their way to interim pioneer training camps before immigrating to Palestine.

When word reached Katzir (an officer at the time) that his sister was in Italy in a refugee camp, he set out to search for her. "When I arrived she was standing there dressed in clothes like those they wore in Auschwitz," he says and wipes his nose dry with a well worn handkerchief. "We embraced and cried together and she told me that my parents had been shot and buried in a mass grave in the forest outside Ostrog after she escaped to Russia." Because many Eastern European countries opened their borders to war refugees only, soldiers in the Jewish Brigade would dress them in clothes from Auschwitz. This is how Katzir's sister made her way to Italy.

When Katzir returned home he found that his kibbutz had moved to a new site in the Negev, three quarters of a mile north of the Gaza strip. Once established in the new locale, the kibbutz members sought a more appropriate name for their settlement.



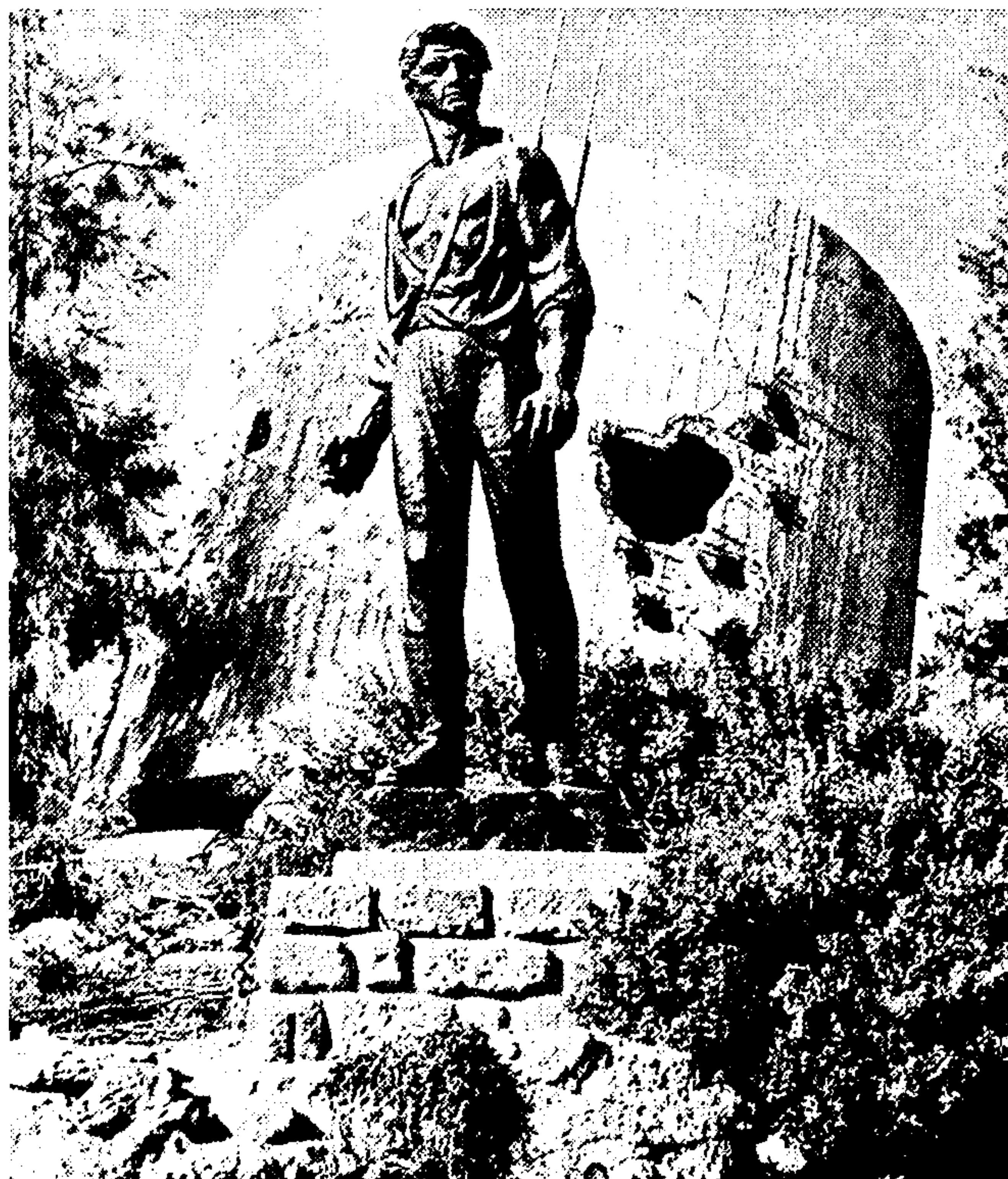
“This was the time of the heroic Warsaw Ghetto uprising,” relates Katzir. The uprising was lead by 22-year-old Hashomer Hatzair member Mordechai Anilewitz, who dreamed of settling in the Jewish homeland. “He had the opportunity to escape,” says Katzir. “But he chose to remain in the bunker from which he organized the resistance until he was gassed by the Germans in May 1943.”

“Many of our members knew Mordechai,” says Katzir. “We felt an affinity with the heroism and to the tragedy of the struggle in Warsaw. Someone suggested taking the name Yad Mordechai (Monument to Mordechai), but others argued against this. One man says, ‘We’re not heroes. We’re just settlers. We won’t be able to live up to this name.’”

The majority of members voted to adopt the name Yad Mordechai and the heroic Anilewitz became their symbol and inspiration.

The day after David Ben-Gurion proclaimed the establishment of the State of Israel on May 14, 1948, the country was invaded by five Arab armies. The Egyptian army penetrated Israel from the south and advanced north on the main road to Tel Aviv

were Yad Mordechai stood. The settlers organized a fierce resistance even though, recounts Katzir, “we were outnumbered 30 to one. How could we possibly believe we had a chance of victory?”



*A giant bronze statue of Warsaw Ghetto resistance leader Mordechai Anilewitz, grenade in hand, stands beside the pocked marked remains of a water tower. The tower inspired kibbutz members to hold out against all odds during the War of Independence, thus significantly delaying the advance of the Egyptian army. WZPS photo courtesy of Kibbutz Yad Mordechai.*

The water tower was hit during one of the first bombings on the kibbutz and water spurted forth from the holes. “We looked up at the tower from the trenches and said, ‘These are the tears of Mordechai Anilewitz,’” Katzir recalls. “We pledged that we would hold out as long as the water tower remained standing.” The battle lasted for six days, which significantly delayed the advancement of the Egyptian forces to the center of the country.

“The fact that we held out for six days is a miracle,” concedes Katzir. “I believe man can do a lot more than he thinks he is capable of doing if he has an ideal to believe in. We believed, and rightfully so, that if we didn’t win there wouldn’t be a State of Israel.”

By the sixth day of battle, 23 kibbutz members had lost their lives (3 more died from their wounds later on), 40 were wounded, and the ammunition was exhausted. The remaining members evacuated to Gvar’Am and later

spent six months in exile in Netanya until Yad Mordechai’s liberation on November 5. Returning to their broken home, the members were surprised to see the water tower still standing on three legs. The tower finally collapsed a

month later; two days after the kibbutz members brought the bodies of the dead defenders to their final resting place.



In 1951, the kibbutz built a monument to the fallen soldiers on the hill next to the remains of the fallen water tower spotted with bullet holes: a giant bronze statue of Mordechai Anilewitz, grenade in hand. He looks out across the kibbutz to the graves of the 26 members of Yad Mordechai who died defending their home. "The monument links the Holocaust with the establishment of the State of Israel," says Katzir. "Mordechai, who fought to ensure continuity of the Jewish people, is the symbol of the Holocaust, and the water tower that gave us the inspiration to protect our homeland, is the symbol of the State of Israel."

In 1968, the kibbutz opened the Yad Mordechai museum next to the cemetery, which emphasizes the themes of resistance and heroism. The Yiddish song *Oif dem pripichok* (On the stove there is a fire and the house is warm) plays softly in the hall documenting the rich culture of shtetl life in

Europe before the war. Photographs of Nazis boycotting Jewish shops and burning Jewish books, and the concentration of Jews into ghettos and deportation to extermination camps, document the Nazi rise to power and the start of the

"The spirit of man is the cause of victory and Mordechai Anilewitz was our guiding spirit."

Second World War.

A large hall flooded with natural light is devoted to the ghetto uprising and the partisan fighters. Next to the window from which one can see the statue of Mordechai Anilewitz, is a wall of photographs of Europe's resistance leaders and photographs of survivors and Jewish Brigade members who helped them make their way out of Europe to Palestine.

Another hall reconstructs the Egyptian attacks at Yad Mordechai through displays, diagrams, models and newspaper clippings, and the fourth and final hall houses a giant wall-sized photo of the settlers who defended their home. Katzir is among them.

"The tank and ammunition isn't the cause of victory," whispers Katzir, who is dwarfed by the giant mural. "The spirit of man is the cause of victory and Mordechai Anilewitz was our guiding spirit."

During his last days in the Warsaw Ghetto, Mordechai Anilewitz

wrote, "I am proud that I came to this moment and that my eyes see a grenade and a pistol in the hands of the Jew. . . I am ready to die. It seems to me that only to such an end was I born. To this task I grew up and with the conclusion of this battle I must cease."

The pioneers of Yad Mordechai, who named their kibbutz in his honor, did not allow their comrade's dream of establishing a Jewish state to die in the flames of the ghetto. The inspiration of their fallen friend and their heroic courage enabled them to build their home, their lives, and their state.

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After Golda Meir resigned as Prime Minister April 11, 1974, Rabin became Israel's fifth Prime Minister, serving for three years. He also served as Minister of Labor in 1974, and Minister of Defense, beginning in 1984. A native of Jerusalem, he was Israel's first Prime Minister born in Israel.

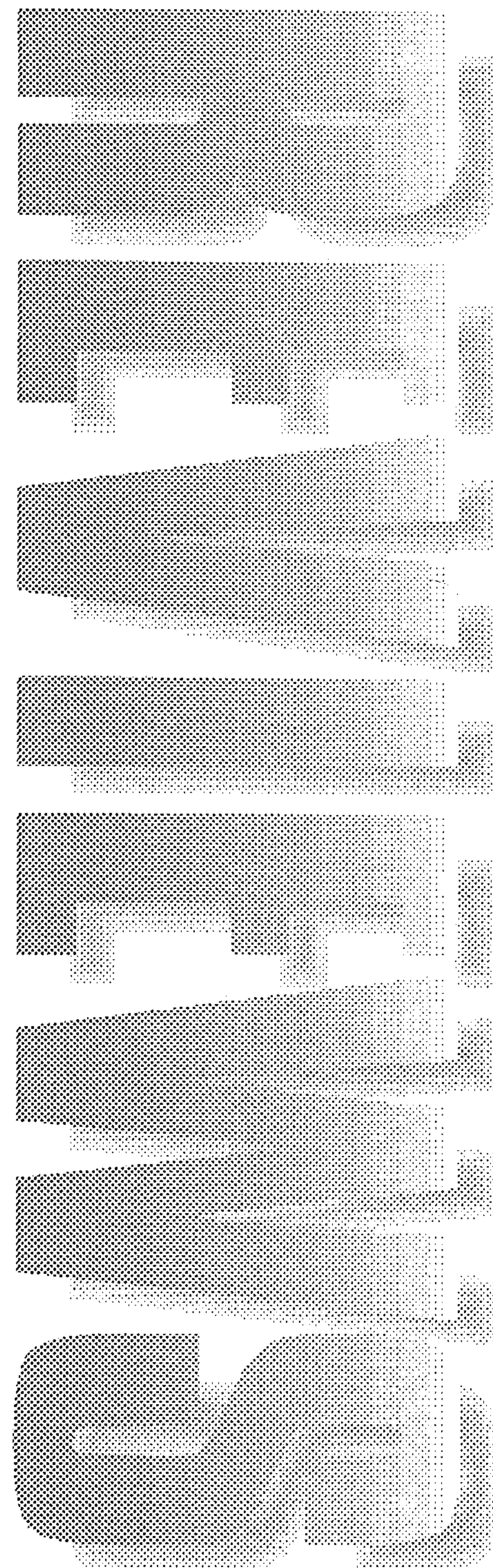
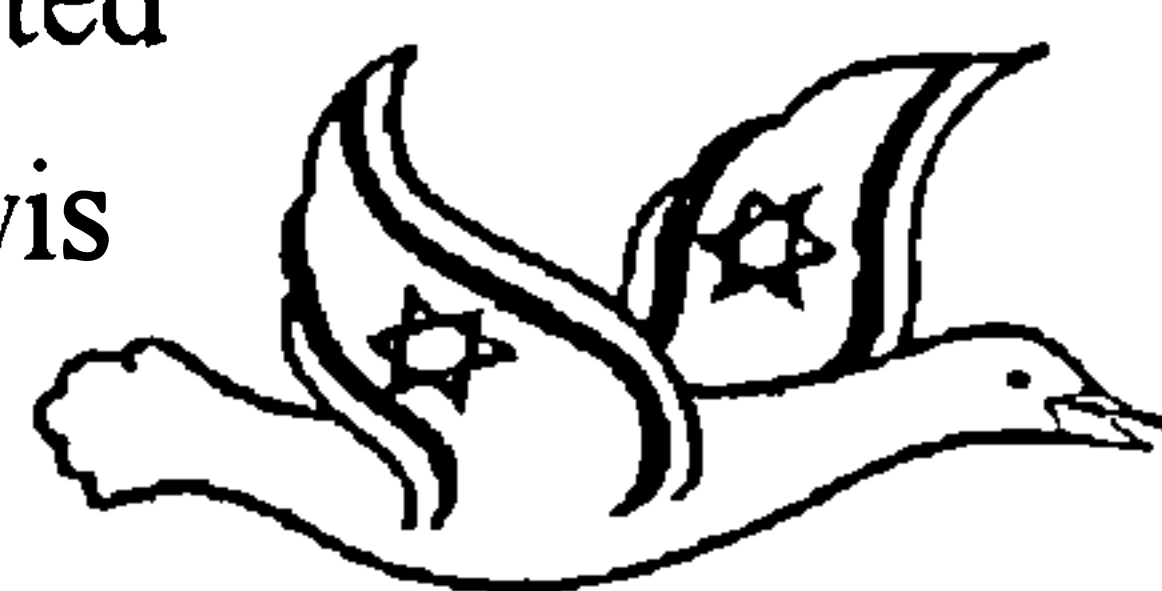
"Throughout his service as Prime Minister, member of the Israel Cabinet, as Ambassador to the United States and as head of the IDF, Yitzhak Rabin was at all times a unifying force between the governments of the United States and Israel, between their respective peoples and between the Jewish communities of America, Israel and the world. He fully personified the selection criteria for the Golda Meir Human Relations Award," Mrs. Lewis said.

Lea Rabin, a member of NA'AMAT Israel throughout her life, served at the side of her husband "with great dignity and skill. In her own right, she fulfilled the goal of solidifying the relationship between the United States and Israel," Mrs. Lewis said.

Other highlights of the convention will include the world premiere of an Israeli fashion show, featuring clothing designed by students at several of NA'AMAT Israel's vocational high schools with the collaboration of top Israeli designers.

Friends of NA'AMAT USA, the men's auxiliary, will hold meetings during the convention.

NA'AMAT USA is a major supporter of children's and women's rights both in the United States and Israel, and is in the front line of the campaign to strengthen religious pluralism in the Jewish States. In Israel, NA'AMAT operates a nationwide network of more than 1,000 day care centers, day-night homes, women's and community centers, agricultural and vocational high schools, battered women's shelters and legal service bureaus.



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## KARSKI: HOW ONE MAN TRIED TO STOP THE HOLOCAUST

by E. Thomas Wood and Stanislaw M. Jankowski  
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Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

*KARSKI* is now available in paperback, reprinted from the original 1994 publication by John Wiley & Sons. The authors, one a freelance American journalist, the other a journalist and historian in Krakow, Poland, have recorded the role of one of Poland's resistance fighters in World War II.

Jan Koziielewski was preparing for a career in Poland's diplomatic service, but the invasion of Poland by the German Army drove him into years as activist in Poland's underground government in exile. In Western Europe, Britain and the United States, he struggled to inform the leaders of the Allies of events in Poland. Having been indifferent to traditional anti-Semitism in Poland during his early youth, as Nazi persecutions progressed from discrimination to terror, he struggled to gain

help for the victims.

He achieved little success, and was led to frustration and exhaustion as he tried to convince unwilling listeners of the plight of Europe's Jews. He regarded his mission as a failure. However, some believed he was instrumental in Franklin Roosevelt's choice of John Pehle to head the War Refugee Board early in 1944. The time was far too late.

In 1954 Jan Karski became a U.S. citizen under that name which he finally assumed after many aliases used to hide his identity during the war years. He studied at the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, received a Ph.D. and became a professor on the faculty of Georgetown.

In 1965, he married a Polish Jew, Pola Nirensztajn, a dancer, who

had with great hardship survived the war in England and later in New York. Her parents had escaped from Poland to Palestine, but brothers and sisters perished in the Holocaust.

In 1974, he received a Fulbright scholarship to write a history of Poland's relations with states which had exercised control over its destiny. The book was *The Great Powers and Poland 1919-1945*, the culmination of ten years of work. He continued as professor at Georgetown University.

Now his wife had become an internationally acclaimed dancer, and their lives became comfortable, even luxurious. Although Karski had been reluctant to speak of the painful experiences of his war years, which included escapes from prison in a Soviet camp and from a Nazi hospital, besides dangerous trips across Nazi occupied Europe, he joined the growing group



of those who were increasingly speaking out.

In 1977, Claude Lanzmann, a Jewish filmmaker from France, issued a film entitled SHOAH, in which Karski testified about the decimation of Polish Jews. The Polish-American Congress denounced the film, accusing it of defaming the Polish people. Karski wished also to speak about his missions to the West, mostly unsuccessful. He proceeded to lecture widely, and in 1980, with support of Elie Wiesel, he resumed the effort to acquaint the world with the realities of the Holocaust.

Though still a practicing Catholic, he proclaimed himself a Jew, his faith telling him that the second Original Sin had been committed by humanity, "through commission, or omission, or self-imposed ignorance, or insensitivity, or self-interest, or hypocrisy, or heartless rationalization." Jan and his wife were invited to Israel and were in Jerusalem in 1982, where he planted a tree bearing his name on the Avenue of the Righteousness, leading to the Yad Vashem memorial. He received the award of a member of "the righteous among the nations." Later he received a series of honors, awards and honorary degrees in

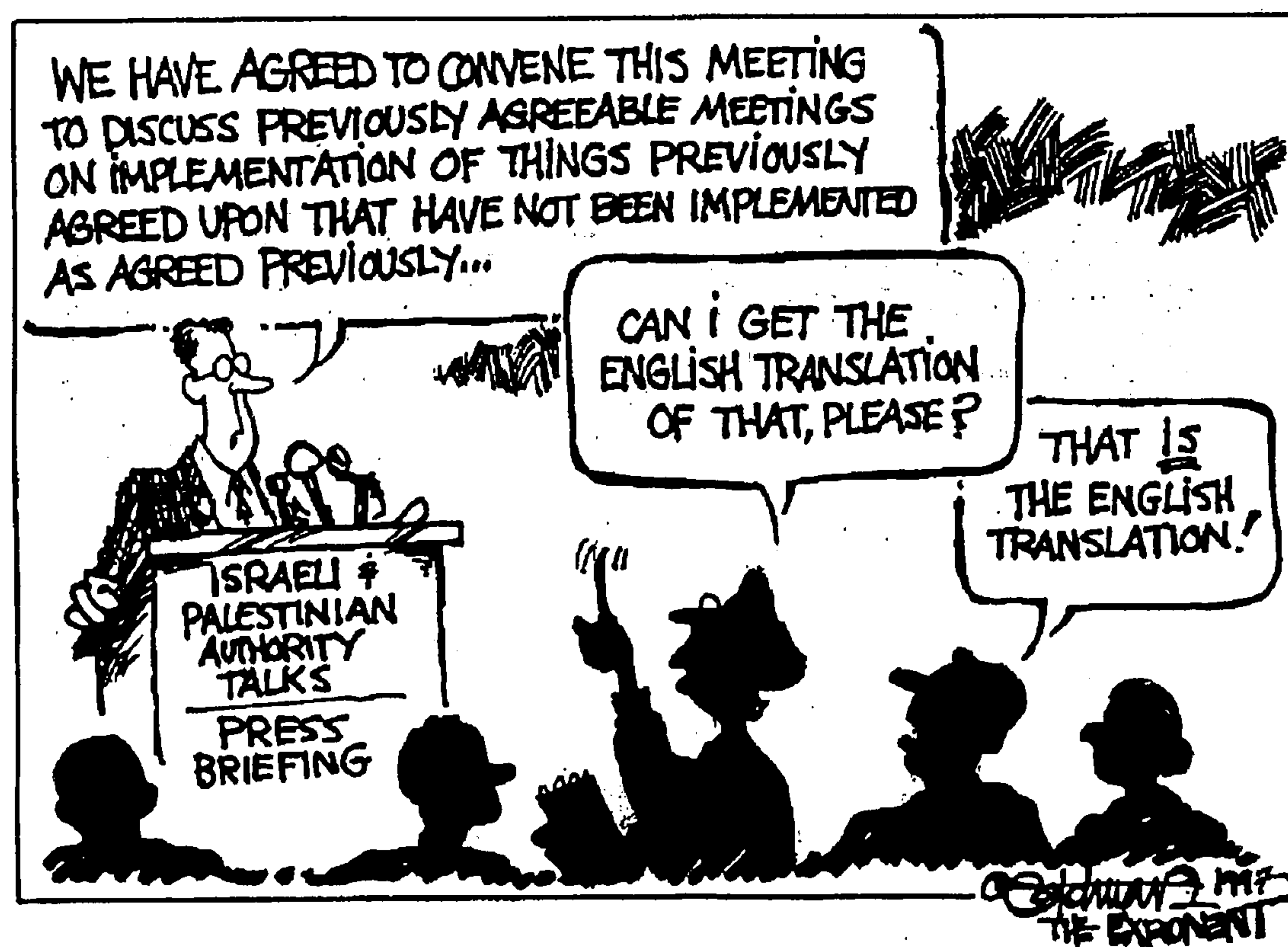
the U.S., Britain, Poland, Sweden and Denmark. At the age of 79 in 1983, he traveled twice to Poland and finally to Australia.

Most groups Karski addressed were Jewish, but others were Polish, Catholic, interfaith, or non-denominational.

Always an ardent anti-Communist, he rejoiced when, in 1989, Poland finally became independent from Communist domination. In 1991, he returned to Poland, no longer an impassioned Pole, since he was now a sincere American. He received an honorary doctorate from Warsaw University. Then he questioned the efforts of the Polish underground during the war. He looked upon the French, who had somehow collaborated with its occupiers, thereby saving Paris, and in

contrast, at the destruction of Poland. He questioned the wisdom of the sacrifice of millions of Polish lives. He realized that other nations which had long been occupied had preserved their national identity, like Serbia, Romania and Bulgaria. "History proves that to denationalize a nation that lives on its own territory is impossible." But it is possible to murder a nation, especially one which fights the occupier. This gives much pause for thought.

In 1993, Karski went to Poland with Vice President Gore to participate in a ceremony commemorating the Warsaw Ghetto on May 12, 1994. Jan Karski was made an honorary citizen of the State of Israel at a ceremony at the Israeli Embassy in Washington.





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"Finding a molecule with such an extraordinarily broad spectrum of resistance in one species of bacteria means we are likely to find similar molecules in other bacteria," says Bibi.

"This highlights the dormant potential of some bacteria to survive even complex antibiotic treatments, and presents a challenge for future therapies."

#### An evolutionary advantage

Bibi and Edgar identified the MdfA molecule while researching multidrug resistance in *Escherichia coli*, a species of bacteria commonly used in scientific research. (*E. coli* normally live in the human colon and aid digestion, but if certain strains of the bacteria enter other organs through contaminated drinking water or improper toilet hygiene, they can cause serious illnesses such as acute infant diarrhea and urinary tract infections.)

The scientists conducted experiments in which they attacked the bacteria with various drugs. They found that MdfA was present and functional in low levels in all the *E. coli* strains they studied, and

could fight off drugs administered in low amounts. Giving large amounts of combined drugs killed off most of the bacteria.

But when bacteria contained more than the usual amount of the *mdfA* gene, resulting in their producing much greater quantities of the MdfA molecule than normally, they survived even these harsh treatments. This suggests that the MdfA molecule is capable of conferring a high level of resistance to many unrelated drugs.

Bibi says evolution, given a push by modern medicine, seems to have played a role in the appearance of such broad-spectrum resistance molecules. Although modern medicines have undoubted and obvious benefits, a few bacteria have unavoidably survived each new drug because of natural resistance, and these have been an evolutionary advantage that they have passed on to their descendants. The result has been increasingly resistant bacteria,

equipped with more versatile resistance mechanisms.

Dr. Eitan Bibi holds the Dr. Samuel O. Freedman Career Development Chair in the Life Sciences. Funding for this research came from the Israel Cancer Research Fund and from the Minerva Foundation of Munich, Germany.

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The Blumenthal Jewish Home's membership drive has just begun. **Please choose now to become a member of the Blumenthal Jewish Home and to support the only Jewish nursing facility in North and South Carolina.**

Please return the enclosed envelope today. Your gift is truly needed and will be sincerely appreciated.





## The Whole Megilla And More . .

The celebration of Purim at BJH this year brought out the whole megilla and more. A bevy of Queen Esthers in the company of a few Mordecais joined by Batman, Robin and some Ninja turtles filed into the Home on Friday morning March 21st in time for a pre-Purim celebration. These visitors from Temple Emanuel Preschool in Winston-Salem began the holiday celebration with a costume parade for the residents. The festivities continued with the children and their "grandma and grandpa" partners working hand in hand to produce beautiful Purim masks. Creativity flourished as the young and the not so young turned paper plates, glitter and yarn into sparkling Purim decorations.

Rabbi Marla Subeck joined the Preschool for this special visit to the Home. Both the residents and the children enjoyed Rabbi Subeck's charming company and joined together as she led shabbat blessings for the candle lighting, wine and challah and joined the children in singing holiday songs.

Purim observances continued at BJH with Purim services and the reading of the Megilla led by Religious Director Andrew Ettin and a beautiful musical program presented by guitarist Chris Goldman for the Purim celebration on Monday. As always the celebration was completed by the enjoyable treat of noshing some hamantaschen.



Cantor Linda Shepherd captured the residents hearts with a post Purim program on March 27th. Always uplifting, Cantor Shepherd's beautiful singing and friendly personality carried the joyful and festive celebration through the week.



North Carolina School of the Arts students also shared the sounds of beautiful music with BJH residents during the past months. Marla Woods, violinist and Renee Dennis, pianist entertained residents with a stirring concert of Jewish melodies on Sunday February 23rd. Marla Woods, who has been sharing her love of music with the residents for the past three years, returned for a second engagement with NCSA guitarist, Eric Osteroff to entertain for the March birthday party. The residents were treated to a wonderful performance of classical music by these talented performers and a preview of the students solo concert held recently at the school.



Residents enjoy Purim festivities at BJH. Seen from above are: Rose Nove with Rachel Glock, Irene Mendelson with Rabbi Marla Subeck and Florence Blumenstein with a beautiful and creative Queen Esther.



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*Greensboro NC*

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*Mocksville NC*

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*Winston-Salem NC*

**John Schultheis**

*Winston-Salem NC*



*Temple Emanuel preschoolers from Winston-Salem bring energy and joy to the celebration of Purim at BJH.*

## Calendar Highlights May

# 1997

2. Catholic Mass, with Holy Family Catholic Church, Friendship Room, 10:00 a.m.
4. Sunday Sweets, with Sisterhood Temple Emanuel, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.
6. Monthly Birthday Party, with Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
9. General Store, Mansion Library, 10:00 a.m.
11. Parents Day Brunch, Commons Auditorium, 12:15  
11th - 17th National Nursing Home Week
12. Yom Ha' Atzmaut-Isreal Independence Day Celebration, Friendship Room, 2:30 p.m.
13. Leave for V. F. W. Senior Citizens Luncheon, Fair Oaks Lobby, 10:00 a.m.
13. Residents Council Meeting, B-1 Dining Room, 2:00 p.m.
15. Leave for Greensboro Starmount Country Club, Fair Oaks Lobby, 10:30 a.m.
16. Mayfest - Outdoor Activities, Courtyard 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
18. Card Club "Blackjack", Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
21. Travelogue "Travels to China", Friendship Room, 2:30 p.m.
22. West Forsyth High School Anchor Club, Fashion Show, Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
23. Shopping at Hanes Mall in Winston-Salem, Fair Oaks Lobby, 9:30 a.m.
25. Brenner Concert, Quartet-Johnathan and Lillian Jullian, Commons Auditorium, 2:30 p.m.



# Millie's Musings

During the months that I have been the Coordinator of Volunteers at the Blumenthal Jewish Home, I have read many periodicals and listened to speakers who stress the important qualities to look for in seeking volunteers. Since 1989 a particular group of volunteers has been coming to BJH, one that exemplifies all the desirable characteristics sought in volunteers. Each month they come to BJH to celebrate the birthdays of our residents. They bring with them flowers and balloons; they take polaroid pictures of the honorees and place them in frames as gifts; they provide entertainment and serve refreshments to everyone attending the party.

This same group of volunteers invites a busload of residents to the Starmount Country Club in Greensboro every month to have lunch and socialize. The members of the group are dependable, only ice and torrential rain can keep them away. They bring tender loving care to our residents with warm smiles and big

hugs. They are sure of their motives; they know that they want to help others. They believe in the value of what they are doing. They recognize each individual because they have taken the time to listen to them.

The ranks of our Greensboro volunteers, under the leadership of Polly Strasser, have changed during the past eight years; new participants have joined, others have dropped out, many "charter members" remain active participants. The present group members are Polly Strasser and her sons, Aaron, Scott and Joey, Josi and Bill Swirin, Rhoda Fleisher, Ruth Jacobs, Evelyn Robinson, Alice Romer, Anita Rubin, Jeanne Pratt, Stella Levin, Marilyn Belenky, Joyce Gutman, Rabbi Fred Guttman and supporters Sheila Herman and Frank Weiner.

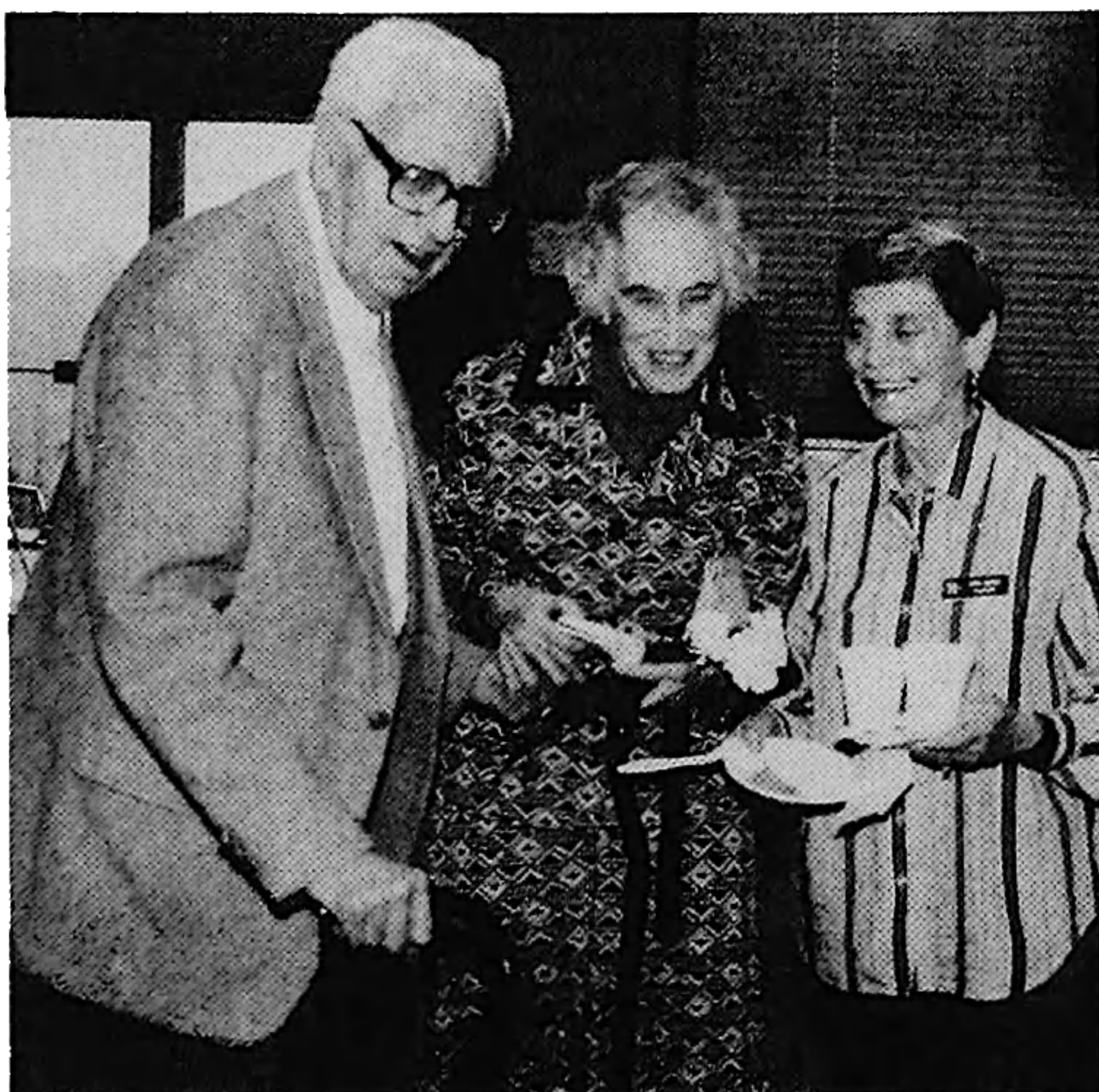
We offer many thanks to our Greensboro volunteers and our wishes for continued years of dedication. To find out how you can dedicate yourself to volunteering call *Millie Slatkoff, Volunteer Coordinator at 910-766-6401.*



*Volunteer Anita Rubin jokes with Fair Oaks resident Shirley Shane.*



*Volunteer Rhoda Fleisher serves refreshments to the residents at the birthday party.*



*Henry and Lottie Mainenthau enjoy chatting with volunteer Ruth Jacobs at the party.*



*Greensboro volunteers await the arrival of the BJH bus at the Starmount Country Club luncheon; pictured left to right: Marilyn Belenky, Bill Swirin, Polly Strasser, Stella Levin, Josie Swirin and Evelyn Robinson.*



# **DON'T FORGET MAY IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH AT BJH!**

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations to the following  
staff members who celebrate  
anniversaries  
of employment in

### **MAY**

**22 years**

Pauline Allen, CNA

**20 years**

Esther Peay, Dietary

**17 years**

Vickie Brown, LPN

**14 years**

Phillip Money, CNA

**12 years**

Patsy Petree, Director of Nursing

**9 years**

Lois Slater, CNA

**8 years**

Genevieve Yankus, Dietary

**7 years**

Virginia Martin, CNA

Afredia Roach, Director of Resident  
Activities

Martha Smiley, Rn

**4 years**

Winnie Harris, CNA

**2 years**

Tonia Rice, CNA

Olivia Walters, CNA

**1 year**

Rory Blackwell, Housekeeping



*Marla Woods visits the BJH  
nursing wings to play the  
violin for residents unable to  
attend her concert.*

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

### **MAY**

Vivian Ammon

Ila Bailey

Iva Bottoms

Vera Fox

Lottie Maienthau

Bea Mandel

Sue Michielutte

Anna Passman

Ann Schleicher

Therese Schwartz

Doris Sink

Annie Welborn



*Our Greensboro volunteers  
can always be counted on;  
they regularly sponsor the  
luncheons in Greensboro  
and the birthday parties at  
BJH with a smile. Seen  
from the left are: Jeanne  
Pratt, Sheila Herman, Polly  
Strasser, Alice Roemer and  
Marilyn Belenky.*

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*Edie Sulzberg brings a new grandchild to visit.*



*Volunteer Scott Strasser welcomes Herman Nove to Greensboro.*



*Residents enjoy Cantor Shepherd's joyful musical program; seen from the top are May Smith, a resident's sitter, BJH resident Miriam Gingold and Fair Oaks resident Hildegard Oppenheimer.*

#### IN MEMORY OF

*We mourn the loss of:*

**Ruby Garwood**

**Sadye Linial**

**Ruth Menins**

**Marjorie West**

*May their cherished memories bring comfort to their loved ones.*

## HELP BJH CELEBRATE MAY IS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

### NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK MAY 11 TO 17TH

Service providers for senior adults nationwide recognize May as Older Americans Month. Nursing homes throughout our country will be observing the week of May 11 to 17th as National Nursing Home week. At Blumenthal Jewish Home we invite you to help us celebrate these observances by recognizing and supporting the life giving services BJH provides to the older adults who need our care. You can join BJH in this celebration:

**Attend a special program at BJH this month.**

**Volunteer your time to help our residents.**

**Become a Member of the Home  
Send Your Membership Contribution Today!**

### *Special May Events*

#### BJH PARENTS DAY BUFFET BRUNCH

*Sunday May 11, 12:15*

#### MAYFEST

*Friday May 16, 10:00 A.M. -4:00 P.M.,  
Outdoor festivities in the BJH Courtyard.*

**FOOD!**

**MUSIC!**

**ENTERTAINMENT!**

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES!**

**FUN!**





Enjoying the Purim celebration at the Home are: above; Fair Oaks resident Lottie Mainenthau and her partner deciding if their creative Purim mask is complete. above right; Preschoolers in Purim costume taking a break to enjoy a challah and grape juice snack at BJH.

below; A young queen Esther, Rachel Glock, greeting Fair Oaks resident Pauline Moskowitz.



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If you have any questions, please call Seth Levy at (910) 766-6401.

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# IMMEDIATE NEWS

## Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

### A BIG MAZEL TOV

To Natalie and Gary Kramer on the addition of baby, Ethan Ryan. The naming took place on March 22, with a Kiddush luncheon following.

### SISTERHOOD THANK YOUS FROM THE SISTERHOOD PREZ

To all Sisterhood Executive Board, Full Board, volunteers, and participants who have helped make Sisterhood's successful year.

To Muriel Gelbert, for coming up with the flyer for our joint meeting with Hadassah on Wills.

To Rochelle Neuringer and her Hamantaschen Committee for baking zillions of these pastries for Purim.

### CONGREGATION THANK YOUS

To Susan Hedgepeth and Reba Barton, office volunteers. To Richard Nielsen for the donation of two books to the Jacob Rosen Memorial Library. To Marty Kramer for beautifully enhancing the entrance to our sanctuary with a table which he made as a gift to the Shul. The table now offers space for transliterations of prayers, visitor cards, materials for special occasions, flyers, and our guest registry.

### BROTHERHOOD

Newly started and headed by Tom Rosenberg and Bill Abramson, the program for March was a beer tasting and poker night on March 27.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Held on Thursday, March 20, Jonathan Gilbert led a discussion on the topic, "Increasing Membership Involvement." A pizza and salad dinner were served.

### READING OF THE WILL

This program was held at the JCC, sponsored by Sisterhood and Hadassah on March 2. Facilitators were Rabbi Shmuel Birnham and Dr. Barbara Gerber, psychologist. A group of twenty engaged in a lively, informative discussion. Refreshments were served.

### CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDIES

The Spring 1997 programs were: March 5 — "Can We Do Philosophy After Auschwitz?" Speaker was Idit Dobbs Weinstein, professor at Vanderbilt University, and was held at UNCA Owen Conference Center; April 7—"Rena's Promise: A Story of Sisters in Auschwitz" by Rena Kornreich Gelissen, was held at the JCC; April 25—"World War II, the Holocaust and the Existentialist Response" speaker was Dr. Edward Katz, UNCA Assistant Professor of Literature and Language.

Other programs in the spring were: March 17—The 1997 Phyllis Freed Sollod Memorial Lecture, "God and the Big Bang: Discovering Harmony Between Science and Spirituality" by Professor Daniel Matt, of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley California, held at UNCA Humanities Lecture Hall.

**THE BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES:** On March 25, "Black-Jewish Relations: Cooperative, Competitive, or Conflictual?" by Dr. Heon Lee, UNCA Assistant Professor of Sociology, held at the Private Dining Room, UNCA Dining Hall.

On April 10, "Passover" by Dr. Robert Ratner, Rabbi at Beth H-Tephila, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Masters of Liberal Arts Program, held in the same place. All programs were open to the public.

### WOVEN YOUTH NEWS REPORT

Sunday, March 9, was Young Judea Asheville Day, March 12, Human Dynamics Activity, Saturday, March 22, Purim Carnival Preparation, and on Sunday, March 30, the Purim Carnival. In February, the group also went to see "The Diary of Anne Frank."

### HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL

The Youth Group sponsored a "Night Out in the Big Apple" for adults in anticipation of their trip to New York City for spring break. They prepared the dinner for all the guests—bussed the tables—tips were included—the price was very reasonable. Babysitting was also available. It was especially cute when the kids asked the adults to dance with them.

### MITZAH COMMITTEE

Arlene Schandler and Adele Rose, co-



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**June 7** Rachel Kaplan,  
daughter of Wendy Sklut.  
**June 14** Daniel Block,  
son of Debby & David Block.  
**June 21** Aaron Weiner,  
son of Jan & Ron Weiner  
**June 28** Gabriel Campbell,  
son of Phyllis & Howard Campbell.

**We Welcome with joy our new arrivals. . .**

**Sterna Sarah Levin**, daughter of  
Flora & Rabbi Ephraim (Frank)  
Levin.

**Sean Heath Lerner**, son of Alison &  
Mark Lerner.

**Abbey Maura Leach**, daughter of  
Adina & Jerry Leach.

**Hannah Ariel Hirschmann**, daughter  
of Vicky & Paul Hirschman.

**Nicole Brook Framm**, daughter of  
Ellen & David Framm.

**Zachary Jacob Gamlin**, son of  
Andrea & David Gamlin.

**Dana Josey Weiner**, daughter of  
Sherry & Ronnie Weiner.

**Shalom to our new members**

Jodi & Gary Michel

Gregory & Margaret Musa

Larisa & Valeriy Fel'Metsger

**Highlighted Activities for May  
include. . .**

- 1 *Uptown Talmud*
- 6 *Lunch & Learn*  
*Parshat Hashavu'ah*
- 7 *Baby Havurah*
- 8 *Uptown Talmud*
- 10 *Tot Shabbat*
- 11 *Men's Club Mother's Day*  
*Breakfast*
- 13 *Points of View*  
*Parshat Hashavu'ah*
- 15 *Celebrating Life Seniors*  
*Luncheon*  
*Uptown Talmud*
- 17 *Shabbat Why Not*
- 18 *Annual Congregational*  
*Meeting*  
*Confirmation*
- 19 *Book Club*
- 20 *Parshat Hashavu'ah*

- 22 *Uptown Talmud*
- 24 *Tot Shabbat*  
*Healing Service*
- 27 *Points of View*
- 29 *Uptown Talmud*

### **Temple Israel Religious School**

Change is exciting, and change combined with an innovative teaching technique has become an important part of the Temple Israel Religious School.

Rabbi Robert Kasman, Director of the school, has recently introduced the Torah-Avodah-Gemilut Hadadim (TAG) Program to Temple Israel 4th and 5th graders. TAG emphasizes points earned for following and putting into practice key factors in being a Jewish adult. Grades such as A, B, C, D and F are not part of the agenda. Instead, students earn points for mastering specific information derived from all three categories of the TAG Program.

Points are earned for Torah, which is based upon academic achievement in learning the contents of Torah. A student also earns points for Avodah, which involves practicing Jewish rituals. And, finally, Gemilut Hasadim points are awarded for performing acts of human dignity, through interpersonal achievement.

The entire program has been designed and implemented by Rabbi Kasman. It is not a nationwide curriculum, which makes its establishment at Temple Israel unique to Charlotte.

"It's a club," stated Rabbi Kasman. "It's not something that results in prizes or trips. Students simply earn points built around being a good Jewish adult. The three categories were originated some 2000 years ago by Simon the Just."

The TAG program has already been extended to include the 6th grade shortly, and will eventually include the Junior Congregation, involving approximately 6 hours of Junior Congregation time.

### **Congregation Beth HaTephila**

**Asheville North Carolina**

by Marjorie Schachter

### **THE SATURDAY MORNING FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE**

met at Leah and Morris Karpen's on March 8 to discuss Medicine and Faith, and to hear Dr. Henry Nathan of Clyde, in Haywood County. As usual, Rabbi Ratner opened the meeting with a short prayer session, after which Dr. Nathan spoke of his conviction that the importance of hope in dire medical circumstances cannot be overemphasized. Les and Marjorie Schachter supplied the refreshments.

### **THE BROTHERHOOD**

, at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 11, together with the Western North Carolina Jewish Federation, presented Mr. Arye Mekel, consul general to Israel for the Southeastern Region. The size of the crowd in attendance was gratifying, as was the enthusiastic approval of Mr. Mekel's comments.

### **THE SISTERHOOD**

turned March into magic this year. On Monday, the 3rd, the Temple's three talented actors Shirley Berdie, Shirley Cohen and Natalie Nachman starred in the comedy skit Gander Sauce. At least two of them are self-styled hams, and enjoyed doing their thing as much as the audience enjoyed watching them. Rose Rose and Nicki Ericson coordinated the soup-and-sandwich luncheon; whenever anyone hears "Rose made the soup!" everyone comes running. And this time was no



exception.

Sisterhood's annual rummage sale, managed by Lillian Bieber, yielded an unprecedented profit. It ran from Sunday, March 9, through Wednesday the 12, and left Lil and her helpers exhausted but happy, and Sisterhood a lot richer.

**THE PURIM SERVICE** lived up to its promise. On March 21 the graeggars were going full blast, there were dozens of kids in costume, and Rabbi Ratner was on the bima in real fireman's gear. This may not be accurate reporting, but it was rumored that each of those big boots weights thirty pounds. Not your average running shoes.

**OUTREACH**, the organization for intermarrieds and Jews-by-choice, held its March dinner meeting at Paul and Pat Samuels' on the 15. Mary Ann Jabens was the speaker.

**THE MONTHLY FAMILY SERVICE** had a fascinating guest speaker on March 28: Ron Bernstein, international representative of the Reform Kibbutz movement in Israel, who was born and raised on Long Island, and now lives with his wife and children in Kibbutz Yahel. He spoke about Partners in Pomelo (a citrus fruit) for Peace, developed by members of his kibbutz as a means to strengthen identification with Israel and the Reform Movement.

**WOVEN YOUTH** had four significant meetings in March, including a Young Judaea Asheville Day, a session on Human Dynamics Activity, one on preparation for the Purim Carnival and one on the Purim Carnival itself.

**THE BOOK DISCOVERY PROGRAM** was adopted by the

Sisterhood in 1994, while Shirley Berdie was president, to supply books to children who otherwise might never have owned a book of their own. It is thriving under the stewardship of Hilda Pozner.

**THE ASHEVILLE HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL**, recently formed to accommodate the entire body of the city's Jewish youth, had a meeting on March 16 for the students (and a parent of each of them) who are going to New York.

**THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL** is exerting a powerful influence on its growing body of students. The curriculum includes everything from Bible stories to history and Hebrew lessons to basketball and wrestling. Mary Ann Jaben is Religious School Director.

**THANKS** to Rose and Ted Rose and Shirley and John Berdie for the new tablecloths now in use in Unger Hall, given in honor of their fiftieth anniversaries. To Diane Philips for teaching Rabbi Ratner's Adult Education class, to Phil Cohen for covering Rabbinical Services, to Sam Shermis for being the speaker for the Lunch with the Rabbi program when the Rabbi was away. To Allan Abrams and Lulla Shermis for their support in making our Congregation's Psalms Fundraising project a reality.

**AND MORE THANKS** to Cele and Jules Resnick for a set of Tephillin and mezuzot for the Religious School. To Hilde Hoffman for her talk about growing up in 1930's Germany to the 6-7 Grade Class of the Religious School. And to Debi Miles for her excellent presentation to our "Lunch with the Rabbi" program concerning the Center of Diversity Education's "How Their Hearts Must Have Trembled". To Mary Ann Jaben for

her outstanding work on the Religious School. And, from Mary Ann Jaben to Carol Blatt for organizing the Religious School's Tu B'shvat Seder.

**AND STILL MORE:** from Carol Blatt, PTO Chair of the Religious School, to Susan and Rabbi Ratner for their guidance, to Edward Wylie for seeing that all is in order, to Religious School parents for providing the necessary items. To Dava Brothers, Fran Giardina and Rachel Smith for expertly arranging serving trays and place settings, and for mixing (and mixing!!!) grape juice, to Billy Jonas for music and fun!! To Rabbi Ratner for leading the seder, to Ellen Cohen, Sherri Hanam, Hilda Pozner and Roy Pittman for volunteering to help the teachers keep things flowing smoothly during the seder, and, for taking on clean-up duty, Hilda Pozner, Elliot Blatt, and Fran Giardina.

**MAZEL TOV** to Rubin and Ann Feldstein on the birth of their first grandchild, Eve Judith Millstein, and to Drs. Steven Blatt and Michelle Arsenaux and family on the occasion of son Richard's Bar Mitzvah in New Orleans.

**A WARM WELCOME** to new member Rebecca Azis.

**Temple Beth Or  
Raleigh NC**  
by Susan Sapinsley

Nathan Weinstock-Herman became Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat Tetzaveh, February 22, 1997, at Temple Beth Or in Raleigh NC.



## Temple Beth Or

Raleigh NC

by Susan Sapinsley

story on pg 42

One of five children of Lauren Weinstock, "Nate" is a Down syndrome child, and was assisted in his studies by his family, Mrs. Brenda Friedman, Beth Or Educator, tutors Marshall Dayan and Art Eisenstadt, and Rabbi Lucy H. F. Dinner.

Nate is one of Beth Or Religious School's three special needs students who are mainstreamed into regular Sunday morning classes. He works both with his eighth grade class, and serves as a teacher's assistant in the kindergarten group.

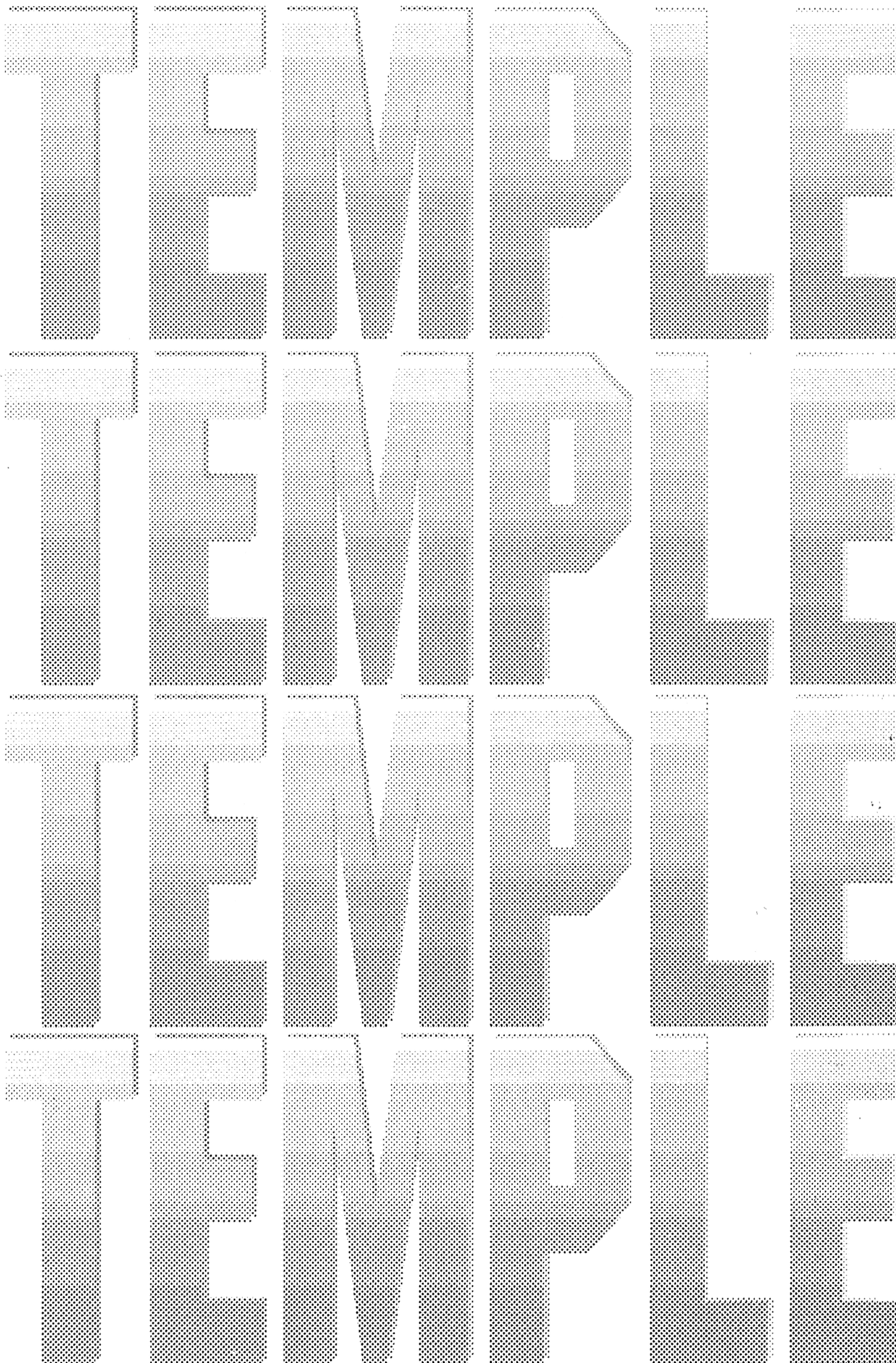
Accomplishing the mitzvah of becoming Bar Mitzvah was achieved through a two-year program of class and one-on-one study with Messrs. Eisenstadt and Dayan. Nate also learned worship and prayer skills through cassette tapes, faithful service attendance, and the volunteer choir, which sang at his Bar Mitzvah.

As a student at Raleigh's Ligon Middle School, he is part of the county public school system. Nate is known as "The Greeter" at Temple Beth Or, and was dubbed so by congregation president Ken Kaufher, who, among others, recognized Nate's pleasant, outgoing personality.

Mrs. Weinstock said her son is immensely proud of his accomplishment. She teaches art and seventh grade at Temple Beth Or, and home schools daughter Shoshana. Her other children are Arianna, Avi, and Eli.



L to R:  
Marshall  
Dayan (tutor),  
Nathan  
Weinstock-  
Herman,  
Lauren  
Weinstock,  
Rabbi Lucy H.  
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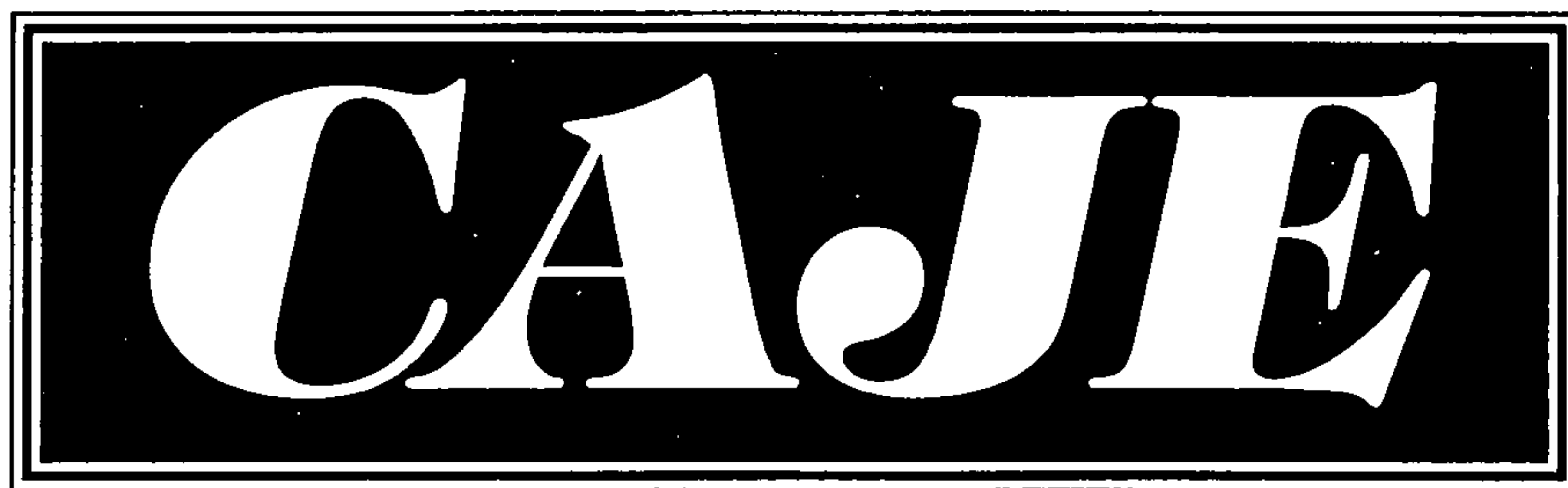
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## Visit Shalom Park Without Ever Leaving Australia

The real power of the Internet and the World Wide Web is in the way that vast geographic and time differences are compressed to make world travel just a few simple mouse clicks away. No boarding pass necessary! Example: The Carolina Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) has a *homepage*, a site on the World Wide Web (WWW). You may find us at our URL (Uniform Resource Locator, or our web address) at: <http://www.vnet.net/users/lsstein/>. At the bottom of the CAJE homepage is a *counter* which logs the "hits" or visitors, everytime anyone in the world who is connected to the Internet pays the CAJE homepage a visit. For instance, it might tell you that you have been visitor # 476 since the counter started logging visitors last summer. Many homepages you log onto on the WWW also track visitors this way. Why? In the case of businesses, it's just good market research: at any time, the owner of the homepage may examine the log or the counter and know exactly who has been visiting their site, what day and time they dropped in, where they live, what kind of computer they use, and even what type of web browser they used to view the page. CAJE, although a not-for-profit Jewish organization is no exception. As the regional central agency for Jewish education based right here at Shalom Park in Charlotte, we are interested in reaching Jewish

schools, teachers, congregations and families all across the Greater Carolinas region. What better way to track our market outreach, than by keeping a log of those who stop along the information superhighway to take a look and find out more about CAJE, and perhaps jump to another hot link or two from our page.

So who has been visiting the CAJE homepage? Not only people all over the Carolinas, but people in far off locations like Australia, the United Kingdom, Paris, New York, and Israel. Hopefully, not only do they find out about the work that CAJE does through our online brochure and program calendar that are up on our page; get directions and road maps for visiting our real location on the Shalom Park campus right outside the front door of the JCC, (not the virtual one in cyberspace!); or even contact us directly via e-mail from our homepage. From the CAJE homepage, through the hot link called "*Cool Jewish Sites on the Web*", visitors may easily jump to the other Shalom Park partners who currently also have homepages on the WWW: **Temple Beth El** at <http://www.beth-el.com/> > or **The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte** at <http://www.jfgc.org/>.

In addition there are links from the CAJE homepage to every other Jewish

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Looking for other homepages with Jewish interest? Try some of these gateway sites:

**Judaism & Jewish Resources**—<<http://shamash.nysernet.org/trb/judaism.html>>. **The Ultimate Jewish/Israel Link Launcher**—<http://ucsu.colorado.edu/~jsu/launcher.html>>. **Virtual Jerusalem**—<[www.virtual.co.il](http://www.virtual.co.il)>. **CyberCAJE/Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education**—<[www.caje.org/](http://www.caje.org/)>. **Israel-North Carolina Cultural Exchange**—<[www.dcr.state.nc.us/Israel/index.htm](http://www.dcr.state.nc.us/Israel/index.htm)>. **Jewish Guide to the Internet Update Page**—<[www.uscj.org/metny/bellmobj/jnet.htm](http://www.uscj.org/metny/bellmobj/jnet.htm)>.

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# Editorial

## The Vatican Should Open Its Archives

BY SEYMOUR D. REICH

*The following article appeared in the April 25 issue of New York Jewish Week.*

Switzerland's decision to compensate Holocaust survivors and their heirs for funds deposited in its banks during the World War II era has set off an extraordinary chain of events. After 50 years of concealment, the Swiss at last have agreed to open their account books and review classified documents that expose the dark side of their nation's "neutrality" in the conflict.

Other countries are now following suit. A number have embarked on the long-delayed process of confronting their own actions—or inaction—during a tragic period. Long-hidden records are being scrutinized in an effort to trace the origins and convoluted routes of property stolen by the Nazis from Jews and other victims half a century ago. Whether restitution is possible in all cases remains an open question. But the effort itself is needed to enable today's young people and future generations to understand and come to terms with the events of the past, so that the massive horrors of the Nazi era will never again be allowed to recur.

Amid the renewed interest in exposing the past to historical examination, a major void remains: the story of the Vatican's actions during the Holocaust. The picture is clouded and obscure, due primarily to the Church's reluctance to lay bare its role in World War II.

Since the end of the war, the Vatican's officials have

declined to open its archives to outside researchers.

The result has been a long-standing controversy. A number of historians have accused the wartime pope, Pius XII, of being a virtual Nazi collaborator who allowed Vatican priests to operate a so-called "rat line" that helped smuggle Nazi officials out of Europe after the defeat of Germany. In his book, "Vatican Diplomacy and the Jews During the Holocaust (1939-1943)," Father John F. Morley, a Roman Catholic priest in Newark, NJ, sharply attacked Pope Pius XII and the Vatican hierarchy for their apparent indifference to Jewish suffering in the Holocaust. But church defenders like the late Father Robert A. Graham, associate editor of the Catholic magazine *America*, have argued that while the pope did not speak out against the persecution of the Jews, he rescued many before they were sent to death camps.

It may be that one or the other version of the Vatican's role in that period is accurate. Ironically, it is also possible that both may be true. It is not unusual for competing factions in a complex bureaucracy to pursue competing agendas. But in the case of the Vatican, we will never know, until and unless files are unlocked and light is allowed to illuminate the secrets of the past.

Another dilemma faced by Church officials has to do with the fact that the Vatican Library continues to hold



some 800 priceless Judaic documents and religious artifacts seized from synagogues and Jewish institutions and individuals by European rulers and noblemen down through the centuries. These manuscripts and other items were presented by the looters to the popes as gifts. Many feel that they constitute stolen property that is being held illegally and should be returned to Jewish sources by the Vatican.

In 1990, while serving as chairman of the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations (IJCIC), I and other Jewish leaders met in Prague with high-level officials of the Vatican Commission on Religious Relations With the Jews. Among the issues touched upon in our discussions was the unlocking of the archives. Earlier, in 1987, the Vatican had announced its intention to make available its wartime records to outside scholars. Two years later, at the 14th annual meeting in Baltimore between IJCIC and the Vatican Commission on Religious Relations With the Jews, the Vatican representatives once again agreed to open the archives. It is now 10 years later, and this promise has yet to be fulfilled. The Church's records and documents of the World War II era remain as closed as ever to independent scholars.

The pact between the Church and Israel instituting long-delayed formal diplomatic relations between the two makes it more urgent than ever that remaining barriers of misunderstanding and suspicion be removed. A key step in that direction would be the opening of the Vatican archives and a policy of restoring the Church's Judaica holdings to Israel and other institutions within the worldwide Jewish community. Such an action by Pope John Paul II would resolve once and for all the controversy that continues to surround the Vatican's role during the Holocaust. It would also represent an important step in further cementing relations between the Church and the worldwide Jewish community.

*Seymour D. Reich, an attorney, is immediate past president of the American Zionist Movement and a former chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.*

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have been researching my family background for some time but have reach a stumbling block and thought you or your readers might be able to help me out.

My father was born in Neustadt, Poland but I have not been able to locate this town. It was probably destroyed in the war and/or the name has been changed.

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From: jako@juno.com

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Dear Reader:

You are correct. It was our error. It should have read: *He was awarded the Tzar's Order of Merit for his valor.* We apologize for our error and thank you for bringing it to our attention.



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(WZPS) In a rapidly—and radically—changing world in which scientific and technological advances also bring in their wake sweeping social, political and economic shifts, it is important to know what lies just beyond the horizon in order to effectively map out strategies and policies for the future.

Tel Aviv University's Interdisciplinary Center for Technological Analysis and Forecasting (ICTAF) is Israel's leading research institute in this field and specializes in analysis and evaluation of new and emerging technologies, serving as a think tank for Israeli business and government.

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Today, one of the world's most rapidly changing fields is telecommunications, which is poised to transform the way we work, shop, learn, spend leisure time and even receive medical diagnoses.

One of the most comprehensive studies ICTAF has carried out in this field is a recent study commissioned by Bezeq, the Israeli telecommunications company. They wanted a total picture of the market place, including estimated public demand for telecommunications services over the next 10 to 15 years, as well as technological innovations and their sociological and economic implications.

  
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"In this highly competitive market, Bezeq needs effective long-term planning strategies more than ever if it wants to set the tone," says Dr. Moshe Harel, a former senior researcher at NASA, who directed the ICTAF study together with Dr. Jacob Baal-Schem.

Using Delphi survey, which involved polling 200 experts, the ICTAF forecast a radical change in the communications scene and increased integration of telecommunications and computer technologies, or "telematics". These services include teleshopping, telelearning, telework, video conferencing, video on demand and electronic mail. Since many of these services require large investments, it is of great importance to accurately estimate not only their projected degree of acceptance but also their time frames.



Video on demand, which allows consumers to preorder videos by telephone, promises to be one of the most popular emerging services and 20% of the Israeli market are expected to be using it by 2000. Electronic newspapers, too, are expected to become household staples by 2004; two telephone lines will be the norm by 1999, with more than half the population having an additional line, and teleshopping will be widespread by the year 2000.

Cellular telephones have already taken Israel by storm.

In 1994, when ICTAF researchers first received expert estimations, the figure was for one million users by the end of the 20th century. In 1997, there already are over one million cellular telephone users and that figure has been revised to two million by 2000. By 2005, some 80% of all businesses will be using cellular telephones.

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Remote work (working from home via computer or telephone) will become routine in some 80% of businesses between 2005 and 2010, although only on a part-time basis. Full-time remote work, the study shows will become routine only in the second part of the first decade of the 21st century.

In the Israeli public sector, it is estimated the public will be able to receive full services from government ministries via computer link-ups by 2003. Interactive multimedia will enter the public sector by 2003, telelearning will have schools going on-line by the year 2000, and medical services, such as CT's, will be available by the year 2000 through home scanners which feed into medical center computers.

Nevertheless, these technological innovations also have

social ramifications. ICTAF staff member sociologist Tal Soffer specializes in looking at the social aspects of technological change. "Man is a social animal and needs social stimulation," she says. "Remote work presents both opportunities and problems. The social aspect is a large part of going to work each day. Working from home deprives the individual of social contacts. I do not think total remote work will be realistic. Nevertheless, I do see a mixture—remote work plus one or two days a week at the office. I also see as a possible solution the establishment of 'community work centers,'

neighborhood facilities where employees can use advanced telecommunications services within a social setting. This would satisfy the social needs but still save on travel time to the office."

Remote work also raises a number of questions. "Who pays for the technology?" Soffer asks. "Will the remote worker be considered a salaried employee or some kind of a freelancer? How does one measure work? Today, we measure it by punching in the morning and punching out at night. Remote work cannot be measured in these terms. Will we move to measuring work by output? How will workers be judged for promotion? Many promotions depend on good interaction with the boss.

Will the remote worker be overlooked in favor of someone at the office?"

In addition, remote work raises a number of legal questions concerning accident insurance, workman's compensation, vacation time, sick leave, etc.

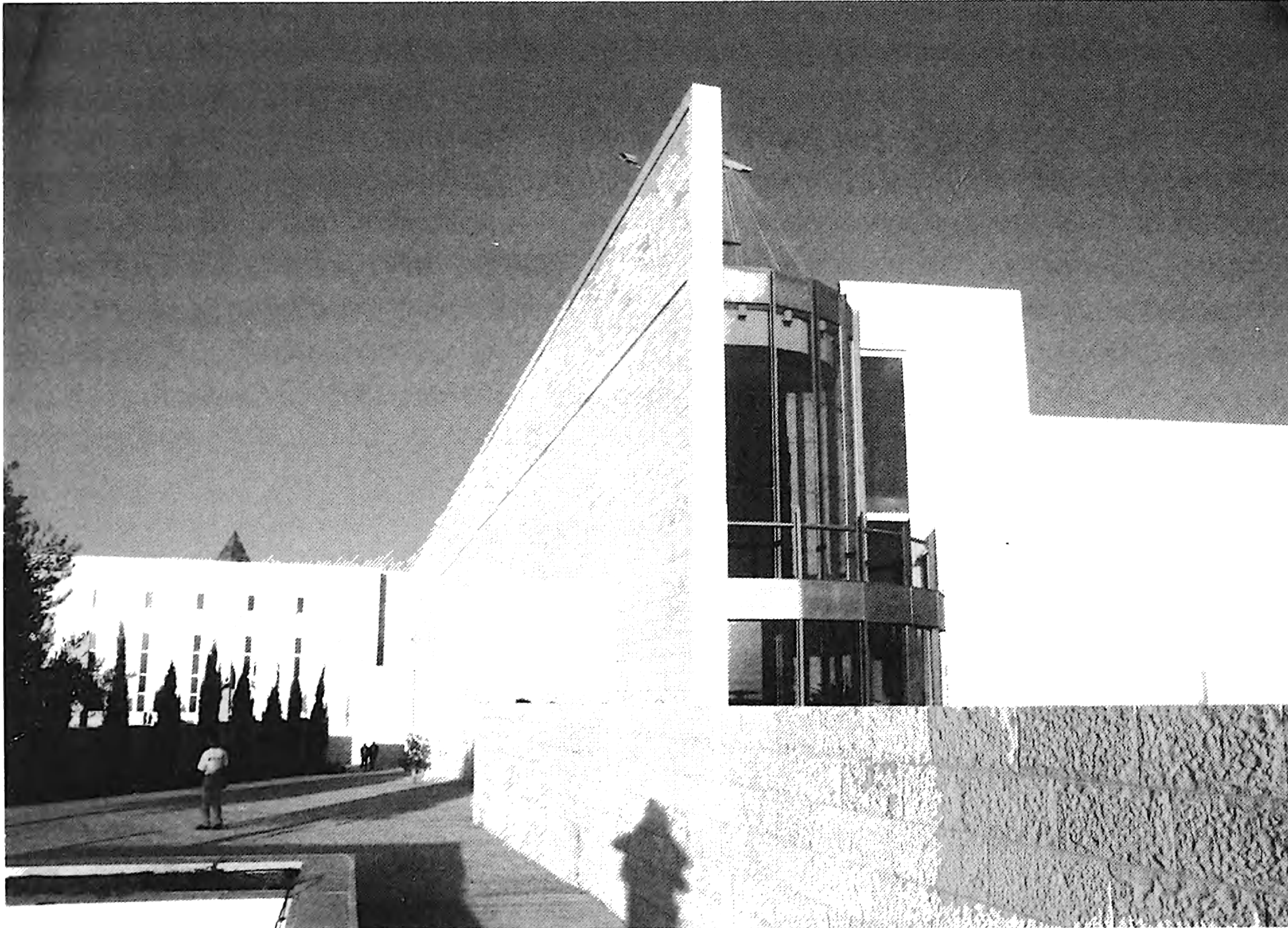
"Remote work is a new world," says Soffer. "I really think it is the direction of the future, and not just because the technology allows it. It gives women with children the opportunity to work while being at home with their children and it is a solution for the semi-retired. It also saves hours wasted traveling to and from the office, enabling increased leisure time.

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“And justice will be reflected from the sky”



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Since its formal dedication in November 1992, the imposing new Supreme Court building in Jerusalem, with its distinguished stone and marble structure, glass walls, windows and skylights rich in symbolism, has added a new dimension to the city.

by Ruth Heiges

*Jerusalem's Supreme Court building, whose character evolved from biblical images found in traditional Jewish writings.*

Architects Ram Karmi and Ada Karmi-Melamede of Tel Aviv, whose design was chosen above those of 174 world-renowned architects, aimed to reflect the basic values of law, justice and truth and “to provide a conceptual image of the city in a building whose architecture would reflect the personal map imprinted in each individual.” The building, they say, “was intended to project a feeling of personal possession, just as the city does, and perhaps even of communal possession. . .”



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people and the "new" of the modern state, one wall is made of modern white stone, evoking the Mediterranean shore, while the other is of natural stone, reminiscent of Jerusalem's historical building style. Repeating the concept of ancient courts at the city gates, the entrance to each of the five courtrooms evokes a gate. While the public enters directly into these rooms, prisoners are brought up from a lower level, and the justices descend from a higher one.

The design of the courtrooms accommodates the functions of Israel's unique higher court, for the Supreme Court also sits as the High Court of Justice. In such cases, the Supreme Court acts as a court of first and last instance, exercising judicial review over the other branches of government or asserting its powers "in matters in which it considers it necessary to grant relief in the interests of justice and which are not within the jurisdiction of any other court or tribunal."

Such cases often pertain to challenges of government actions and issues of human rights. It is this function as the High Court of Justice, combined with the fact that all Israeli judges are professionals who have proven their worthiness of such responsibilities, that has drawn world approval and admiration of Israel's judicial system.

Since juries are not used, the judges bear total responsibility and authority for the process. Of the 14

justices who serve on the Supreme Court at one time, as many as 11 might be impaneled when sitting as the High Court of Justice on major cases. As the design of the largest courtroom properly accommodates the justices, the imposing effect of the courtroom further dignifies the gravity of these procedures.

Naturally, the public cannot visit the administration wing, on the ground floor, and the justices' chambers above. They can be appreciated, however, from outdoors in the Courtyard of the Arches. This is a central interior courtyard designed with a composition of circles, the largest circle being underneath the window of the President of the Supreme Court. The straight line of a water channel, again providing an abstraction of the concepts of truth and justice bisects the entire courtyard.

The straight walkway to the Knesset, which passes through the beautiful Wohl Rose Garden, provides another opportunity to appreciate the facets and angles of the building, enhanced all the more by the aesthetic setting.

"All our senses came into play," note the architects, "as we attempted to measure those elements which can be measured, to sense that which can be felt, to love that which can be loved and, finally, to behold that which can be seen."





# From Harlem to Jerusalem

## One Jazzman's Spiritual and Musical Journey

by Lisa Samin

He has played Off-Broadway with Meryl Streep and with Harlem's Cooky Little in the Godson of Soul Band, as well as having a major European tour to his credit. Today, talented jazzman Steve Peskoff, formerly of Brooklyn, can be found teaching jazz guitar at Jerusalem's Rubin Academy of Music and performing in clubs and at jazz festivals throughout Israel.

Said Peskoff, who as a wedding present to his wife ten years ago, agreed to try living in Jerusalem, "For 2000 years my people yearned for Jerusalem. I thought there must be something to it. . ."



WZPS photo by Sammy Avnisan.

*Talented US-born jazz musician Steve Peskoff plays at Jerusalem's "Coffee Mill."*

At age 43, Steve Peskoff's spiritual and musical journey has led him to an observant lifestyle in Jerusalem and recognition as an accomplished player in Israel's emerging jazz scene.

Born in Brooklyn in the late 50's Peskoff's teenage years were influenced by the 60's "cultural revolution" and the dichotomy of coming from a non-religious family while going to an Orthodox Hebrew school. Growing up in Queens, Peskoff taught himself to play the guitar and during his college years spent more time playing in Greenwich Village nightclubs than in attending classes. His spiritual quest ran the gamut of



Eastern religions and meditation. Until his best friend got married.

"I was at this very religious wedding," says Peskoff, "and all of a sudden this respected rabbi was dancing in the middle of a circle with a guy in a chicken suit. The enormity of going from such solemnity to pure enjoyment really appealed to me."

Consequently, while playing gigs in New York, Peskoff attended a yeshiva on the Lower East Side. However, finding a balance between observing Shabbat and supporting himself with his music was near impossible. "For a while I thought of myself as observant, just without fully keeping Shabbat."

With his pale skin, lean frame and gold-rimmed glasses, Peskoff started making a name for himself in jazz. Accepted by Harlem's Cooky Little, he played in his Godson of Soul Band, wearing his *yarmulke* on his head. "Everyone thought it was just another fashion style. They cared more about my soul playing than my religion." Playing in Harlem influenced Peskoff's jazz style and made him aware of the importance of the individual in jazz music. "The history of jazz was always about the history of the individual."

During his 20's, Peskoff played Off-Broadway with Meryl Streep and performed in a number of concerts in the United States and Western and Eastern Europe. One of his most memorable concerts was in Leipzig when it was still under Communist rule.

However, it was not until Peskoff met his future wife, Andrea nee Litt, that Israel became a reality in his life. "I was poor, romantic and absorbed by my music," recalls Peskoff nostalgically. However, when he met Andrea, an aspiring actress (who had already made aliya to Jerusalem), while she was on a visit to New York, they fell in love. After doing a major European tour, he made a detour to visit her in Israel.

"Two days later I asked her to marry me," says Peskoff. As a wedding present, he told her he would try living in Jerusalem. "For 2000 years my people yearned for Jerusalem. I thought there must be something to it," says Peskoff with a glint of humor in his eyes.

Ten years and three children later Peskoff is still here, calling himself an Israeli and whipped into righteous indignation when he remembers the Gulf War and Saddam Hussein's threat to Israel's existence. Chuckling he says, "Then, I felt like a Zionist."

Professionally, Peskoff's career in Israel was not easy. "I was lucky though," says Peskoff. "I never thought about my career, I thought about my music."

When he arrived, Peskoff recalls, jazz was a foreign import. There were very few jazz musicians, and even fewer new immigrants involved in it. "Israeli musicians are very conservative," notes Peskoff. "They are idiomatic, not personal." Jazz, according to Peskoff, has a different aesthetic orientation. It is music from the soul.

"The great jazz musicians communicated without mastering technique," explains Peskoff. "I try to give my students the feeling for jazz, the understanding of its history and where it came from."

Peskoff has seen the emergence of jazz in Israel, which is reflected in his career. He now teaches jazz at Jerusalem's prestigious Rubin Academy of Music and at the Ramon School of Music in Ramat HaSharon, which is linked with the esteemed Berkeley School of Music in Boston. He has participated in the internationally recognized Eilat Jazz Festival, which attracts world-famous jazz musicians, the Israel Festival, the Cinematheque's Jazz Festival and a myriad of other festivals in Israel and Europe.

Israel, Peskoff says, has changed drastically in the cultural arena since his aliya. "There is cable television which brings the world to Israel, and more Israelis are going abroad and becoming more open to what's out there," he says. "Now there are jazz concerts, festivals, radio shows and television performers every few weeks."

However, Peskoff sees the biggest changes in his students. Whereas once Israelis were less secure about their cultural individuality and did a lot of imitating,

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change in status, it also widened its focus from urban to social and economic issues, and from Jerusalem to Israel at large.

"About a third of our research and half our publications still relate to Jerusalem," says Institute director Prof. Abraham Friedman, who is also a faculty member of the Hebrew University's School of Business Administration. "We're the major database on the modern-day city and we work closely with its city council. We have published over 120 books and position papers on the city on subjects ranging from problems facing new immigrants to the ultra-Orthodox community, relations between Jews and Arabs, to the status of Jerusalem in the framework of peace. As an independent organization, we can also work in ways closed to government agencies—cooperating, for example, with certain Palestinian groups."

The widening of the Institute's focus has involved it in a range of new issues. "We've recently been making major efforts to promote peace-related projects and joint ventures with Palestinian experts and research institutes," says Prof. Friedman. "We've conducted joint studies on water treatment, for example, on tourism and on the development of small businesses. Sweden, Austria, Spain, the US and the EEC have all approached us to work on joint projects." The European Economic Community issued an international request for proposals to develop innovative management techniques and measure their effectiveness: of 107 entries, the EEC chose the Institute's two proposals.

The quality of the Institute's work is recognized at home and abroad—but how effective is it in influencing policy?

"Effectiveness—or lack of it—is a major problem for think-tanks worldwide," says Prof. Friedman. "We have three main ways in which we try to overcome resistance to change. We involve our clients (the people who commission the study or those who'll implement future change) in the research procedure, placing them on the

project's very active steering committee."

A second way is with hard cash: the Institute uses part of its budget as seed-money for new projects. "A good way to interest a client is to implement the beginning stages of the project," explains Prof. Friedman. "The Absorption Ministry, for example, asked us to study the integration of new immigrants in development towns. We started in Kiryat Gat, and used some of our funds for a pilot project there. The Ministry was pleased with the results, and we've helped them move on into four more development towns."

The third way that the Institute prevents its recommendations gathering dust is by connections. "Our researchers are generally very well-known and highly respected," says Prof. Friedman. "Most have served on blue-ribbon commissions or on government task forces or investigatory committees. Therefore, between us, we have personal connections and an open door to most of the country's leading policymakers—as experts, you understand, not as party-faithful. When we examine especially problematic issues (for example, the future of Jerusalem under the Oslo agreement), we hold discreet one-on-one meetings with key figures, like the prime minister, foreign minister and opposition leader, to present our views."

As proof of its effectiveness, the Institute can point to the frequent acceptance of its recommendations by the Knesset and their transformation into legislation—on topics ranging from Israel's Beduin society to innovatory management techniques.

During its almost 20-year life span, Institute academics have conducted 90 research projects; held 90 background briefings, 160 seminars, 57 forum meetings and 12 international conferences; published 200 books and special publications, as well as a 20-paper 'peace kit' for policymakers involved in the peace process; held five joint projects with Palestinian institutes; and fielded a 14-member team of experts to delineate options for Jerusalem in the framework of peace.

One priority today is to show Jerusalem's ultra-

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## *Hub of Bioinformatics Network for Eastern Europe and Asia*

**REHOVOT, ISRAEL**—Scientists throughout Asia and Eastern Europe will soon be able to plug into the vast molecular biology resources available on-line, thanks to an international UNESCO-sponsored computer network inaugurated today at the Weizmann Institute of Science.

The inauguration was attended by heads of delegations from China, India, Israel, Poland and Turkey, as well as by Prof. Adnan Badran, deputy director-general of UNESCO, and Prof. Paolo Zanella, director of the European Bioinformatics Institute.

Computerized resources in molecular biology, which include the rapidly accumulating data on genes and proteins, are now crucial for the progress of medicine, biotechnology, agriculture and other fields. However, while scientists in the United States, Western Europe and Japan are generally well equipped to make use of bioinformatics data banks containing this information, their colleagues in most other regions of the world lag far behind, lacking the equipment and training to exploit these vital new tools.

The new International Bioinformatics Network, to be coordinated by the Weizmann Institute, is aimed at amending this situation for Asia and Eastern Europe, and in the future in other regions, including Israel's neighboring countries.

The inauguration takes place within the framework of the first regional meeting of the International Center for Cooperation in Bioinformatics (ICCB) that is

headquartered at the Weizmann Institute and coordinated by Prof. Marvin Edelman. The Center provides biotechnologically developing countries with scientific training and technical instruction in the use of international bioinformatics data banks and analysis of the data they provide.

### *A "Library of Congress" for genes*

Currently, there are three comprehensive international bioinformatics data banks, the molecular biology equivalents of the Library of Congress, at the European Bioinformatics Institute in the United Kingdom, the National Center for Bioinformatics in the United States and the DNA Database of Japan. They contain information about the composition of genes (gene sequencing) and provide access to information about the location of genes on chromosomes (gene mapping) and three-dimensional structure of proteins.

Scientists in Western Europe and Israel are connected to the U.K. data bank through the European Molecular Biology Network, or EMBnet. Each Western European country has its own national

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EMBnet node, or mirror site—a local electronic "copy" of the central U.K. data bank to which that country's scientists connect. Israel's national node, sponsored by the Ministry of Science, has its headquarters at the Weizmann Institute.



The newly inaugurated International Bioinformatics Network will be the equivalent of EMBnet for the developing world. ICCB will serve as the central node that will be linked to regional nodes—currently located in China, India, Poland and Turkey—which in turn will be linked to other countries in their region.

### *From Rehovot to Beijing*

The Weizmann Institute's international activities in bioinformatics began in 1994, when Institute scientists Prof. Edelman and Leon Esterman established a UNESCO-sponsored cooperative program with Poland. Taking part in the program was the Polish Academy of Science's Institute for Biophysics and Biochemistry directed by Prof. Wlodzimierz Zagorski, who now plays a leading role in ICCB.

Following the success of the Israeli-Polish undertaking, the Weizmann Institute initiated similar UNESCO-sponsored programs with Turkey in 1995 and with India in 1996. Most recently, a cooperative effort has been launched with China.

The purpose of ICCB's first meeting is to exchange views, initiate cooperation among regional nodes and develop long-term strategies and specific plans.

Some of the participants are staying at the Weizmann

Institute for a nine-day training course on how the Institute runs its national bioinformatics node and on ways of communicating with international data banks.

In addition to UNESCO, funding for ICCB is provided by Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cobiotech and the Weizmann Institute.

Prof. Edelman is a member of the Weizmann Institute's Plant Genetics Department and holds the Sir Siegmund Warburg Chair of Agricultural Molecular Biology. He is founder of the Israeli National Node of EMBnet and Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the European Bioinformatics Institute.

Esterman is a senior staff scientist in the Institute's Biological Services.

The Weizmann Institute of Science, in Rehovot, Israel, is a leading center of scientific research and graduate study. Its community of some 2,400

scientists, scientist-in-training and support staff is engaged in more than 850 projects across the spectrum of contemporary science, ranging from basic research in neurosciences, cancer and children's diseases to environmental research, chemistry, physics and computer science. Through Yeda Research and Development Co., the Institute's technology transfer organization, Weizmann Institute research is licensed for commercial development and marketing worldwide.

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So on this memorable day we were honored to have Marc and Vava Chagall and the Wood-Princes in our home. Everything was perfect even the weather. At first I spoke in French to Chagall and then I flowed right into Yiddish. It was such a natural for both of us and I sincerely feel that this was the moment that our friendship began. They say Yiddish can do wonders. It does.



I made a small speech in French and Mrs. Dellsy placed the Hadassah Associate pin on Chagall's lapel and presented the plaque. The next day the world would know what had happened in our home.

Several months after the dedication of the mosaic, Mrs. Wood-Prince was anxious to begin an organization that would represent The Chagall Biblical Message Museum in Nice, France, in the United States. She asked if I would be the secretary. I accepted immediately. Six months later I became the president and served from 1978-1982. The purpose of the organization was to increase membership in the museum through the sale of signed Chagall posters, raise funds for concerts in the auditorium, exhibitions, books for the library and to support the museum in every aspect and endeavor according the wishes of Chagall. For him the Bible was the most important book ever written and he devoted years of life to bring this message to the world through his art. The seventeen major paintings based on the Book of Genesis, Exodus, and The Song of Songs, grace the walls museum. A total of 400 works on the Old Testament is part of the entire collection.

I traveled sometimes once or twice a year to visit Chagall and to the museum and took groups of people from the USA to France, Switzerland and Israel to

view Chagall paintings, stained glass windows and mosaics. I brought the wonderful chocolate from Chicago that he loved and had continuing conversations in Yiddish. It was an exciting time to be in the presence of such a great personality and to have him hold my hand thanking me for all the volunteer work that I had done for him and the museum.

The highlight of my four years as president was the raising of funds for a copy of an 18th century French Blanchet harpsichord. The instrument was built by Reinhard von Nagel of William Dowd, Paris and the inside were painted by Chagall. It was the love story of Rebecca and Isaac, their matchmaker Eliezer and the hovering over the city of Jerusalem embellished by King David. The dedication of the

harpsichord was on January 4, 1981 and I went to Nice to give the dedication address in French and quoted in the Hebrew from Genesis: Chapter 24 verse 67. It was an extraordinary concert as the great harpsichordist Gustav Leonhardt of Amsterdam, presented the concert of Couperin, Rameau and Bach.

When I completed my presidency of four years, I commissioned, with a group of friends, a Biblical tapestry for the Rehabilitation



Institute of Chicago. My husband and I were in France for the celebration of Chagall's 95th birthday. Twenty friends and family came to wish him a continuing long life, health and happiness. He was in very good health. He responded enthusiastically to this commission and said that he would create something very special for the disabled. We went to Paris to speak with the weaver Yvette Cauquil-Prince. The passage chosen for the hospital was from the Book of Job: Chapter 14 verse 7

*For there is no hope of a tree  
If it be cut down, that it will sprout again  
And the tender branch thereof will not cease.*



While the chairmanship was full time for the years' 1982-1986, I was grateful for an outstanding committee to help with the fund raising. We were racing against time to have the tapestry completed so that Chagall would be able to see the fruits of one of his last commissions.

I became a frequent flyer in those four years and people were in wonder how any one could commission an artwork from a person in his nineties. But for me it was simple. I knew Chagall to be full of energy and love. He was working in his studio every day.

On February 22, 1985 I went to visit Chagall for the last time. The tapestry, being woven in Paris, was near completion. I brought two presents: his favorite chocolate candies and a book of three plays by Shakespeare translated into Yiddish. Ralph had found this in a junk shop and purchased it immediately, knowing Chagall's love of the theater. As I departed I went to say good bye to him and found him reading from the book that I had just brought him, and eating his chocolates. It was a perfumed moment and one that I will remember always.

Three weeks later on March 28, I received a phone call from one of the committee members that Chagall had passed away very quietly in the evening. The news of his passing was on every radio and television station. The phone started to ring constantly of people wanting to express their condolences. Even the BBC had called from London for an interview.

Passover was only three days away. How could I leave to go to Nice for the funeral? Ralph helped me to understand that I must go. He would make the Passover without me. The funeral took place in the Catholic cemetery, on Monday, April 1 in St. Paul de Vence. This village was his home for many years with Vava, and this was where he wanted to be buried. There were about 60 people from all over the world including family, friends and distinguished guests. As we were waiting for the short memorial service to begin by Jacques Lang, the Minister of Culture, I was approached by an elderly gentleman. He was Leon Leneman, the president of the Jewish writers and journalists of France and an old friend of Chagall. He asked me if I would recite the Kaddish with him and asked if there were there any

other Jews present. The only ones I knew were Ovadia Soffer, the Ambassador from Israel to France and Professor Bernstein, from the mathematics department at the University of Nice. There definitely was not a minyon.

As the casket was lowered into the ground, Leneman approached Madame Chagall holding his hands up to halt the ceremony. With this sudden abrupt and very sad moment, he began to recite the Kaddish. There are no words in any language what it is like for a Jew to say the Kaddish, the holiest of prayers in such a setting. The words of the Kaddish resounded outward to those attending the service and to the surrounding area. For Leneman had had the last word. He would not have his dear friend buried without the dedication of the Kaddish. Leon Leneman and his Kaddish will be with me forever.

I miss my friend Chagall. He was a friend to the world who brought light, love, magical realism to all his numerous masterpieces: the circus, Paris, ballet scenes, costume designs, posters, mosaics, tapestries, stain glass windows, ceramics and the Bible.

The survivor of pogroms, anti-Semitism, the Russian Revolution, World Wars I and II and the Nazis, he still had hope for humanity and reconciliation in his heart. He brought that to us in every shape and form of art.

Some people give so much to the world while they are living, that when they are no longer on this earth they continue to live on. Such was the man Marc Chagall.

Chagall said, "Despite the troubles of our world, I have kept the love of the inner life in which I was raised and man's hope in love. In our life there is a single color, as on

the artist's palette, which provides the meaning of life and art. It is the color of love."

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# BOOKS

## The Enduring Covenant: The Education of Christians and the End of Antisemitism

by Padraic O'Hare

Trinity Press 195 pp.

Religion is not a tool for continuing tradition. Is the purpose of religious education to pass on tradition, or to change the world? "God is either the Father of all men or the Father of no men." (Abraham Joshua Heschel).

There is, indeed, a movement now to restore Christianity to its true spirit, which Padraic O'Hare believes existed before it was corrupted by the Church. What is needed is correction and re-education. A steady stream of books is being published to fill the need, not written by Jews, but by Christian theologians who recognize the harm and suffering wrought by Bible teaching of the past two centuries.

The difficulties exist in the specific ways in which groups experience God's presence within the world and each of us, while at the same time believing in the transcendence of the Divine. There is a vast difference between religion and religiousness. There is also great misunderstanding, and the purpose of interfaith dialogue is to acquire understanding. In spite of some conflicts which will remain, like the concern of Christianity with saving one's soul and the afterlife, as

opposed to the goal of Judaism to perfect life on earth and to realize God's Kingdom on Earth, there is an opportunity to eradicate the causes of antisemitism. That is the passion of Padraic O'Hare and a growing number of Christians of good will. Good theologians will try to lead them in the difficulty of changing teachings of the past two millennia.

Chapter 5, "The Genius of Judaism," gives credit to the founders of Judaism for teaching that there is but one God, that He is the God of all peoples. He also appreciates Judaism's rejection of dualism, meaning the power of "bad" as well as "good."

Explanations of Christian symbolism as opposed to literal meanings are helpful, especially for Jewish readers who wish to understand the spiritual values in Christianity.

The text of *The Enduring Covenant* deserves continuous study and contains profound religious philosophy for the serious thinker. The book is widely acclaimed by leaders in interfaith dialogue and by teachers of religion. Its success would help all the peoples in the entire world.

Padraic O'Hare teaches in the Religious Studies Department of Merrimack College, North Andover, MA, and is the author of *The Way of Faithfulness: Contemplation and Formation in the Church*.

## The Hidden Face of God by Richard Elliott Friedman

Harper Collins

335 pp. \$20.00 paper

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

Understanding God is something many of us struggle with forever. In the beginning of our Bible, in Genesis, God is in control of the universe and man. As we read and study subsequent books of the Bible, humans become increasingly defined and they become dominant, until the Book of Esther makes no mention of God.

From the view of God as a being with human form (after all, are we not made in His image?) to the concept of an abstract power, the idea of God is different to different minds. There is discussion as to the pronoun we should use: He or She? Are the Bible Stories of God meant to be understood literally, or are they parables to illustrate deeper meaning? When God failed to be our rescue in times of need, why was His face hidden?



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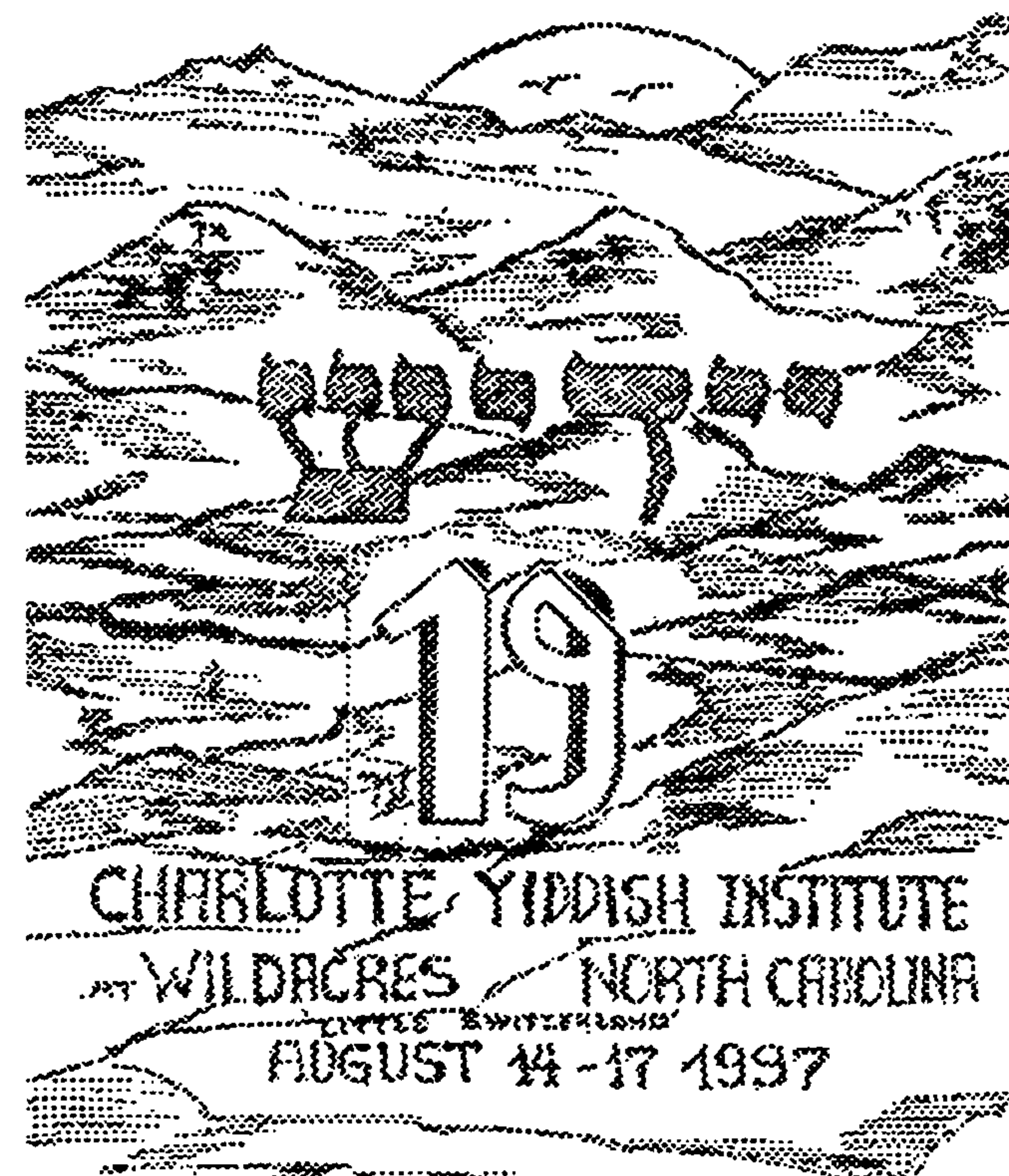
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# A Cancer Pioneer

BY NICKY BLACKBURN

When Prof. Leo Sachs was young, he dreamed of founding a kibbutz in Israel and even spent two years as a farm laborer to prepare for pioneering on the land. Today, however, Sachs, a professor at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel, is renowned for pioneering of a very different nature. One of the world's leading scientists in the areas of cell biology and cancer research, Sachs has made fundamental contributions to his field and paved the way for successful clinical treatments.



*Prof. Leo Sachs,  
Weizmann Institute of Science*

One recent recognition of his achievements comes from Harvard Medical School, which will present him with its Warren Alpert Foundation Prize in Boston on April 17. Shortly afterwards, Sachs will travel to Sweden, where on May 30 he will receive an honorary doctorate of medicine from Lund University.

These are only the latest in a long list of prizes that have punctuated the illustrious career of the 6'8" researcher, who is quippingly said to be "head and shoulders" above many of his colleagues. His previous honors include the Wolf Prize in Medicine, the Israel Prize in Natural Sciences, the Rothschild Prize in Biological Sciences, the General Motors Cancer Research Foundation Prize, the Bristol-Myers Award for Distinguished Achievement in Cancer Research, the Royal Society Wellcome Prize, and Foreign Associate of the National Academy of Sciences.

## Prenatal diagnosis

At the very beginning of his scientific career in Israel, Sachs had an idea that ultimately made it possible to diagnose human diseases in the womb. The year was 1952, and the German-born Sachs, who had been educated in England, had just moved to the new Jewish state. By then, he had abandoned his early dreams of working the land in favor of contributing to the fledgling nation in the way he knew best—through science. He was recruited by the Weizmann Institute and asked to initiate a research program in genetics and development.



Sachs started working on a theory that human amniotic fluid, which bathes the baby in the womb, contains fetal cells that can provide information about the fetus. His studies proved him right. He showed that cells in the fluid can be reliably used to tell the sex of the baby before birth and also reveal other important properties of the fetus. This groundbreaking research formed the basis for human prenatal diagnosis by amniocentesis, a diagnostic procedure used today in millions of expectant mothers.

"I could have made this my life's work. But since I'd already proved the point, I wanted to look at some other aspect of development," Sachs explains. "I wanted to get a broad picture and try and discover general principles of normal and abnormal development."

#### **Improving clinical treatments**

Shortly afterwards, Sachs moved to the Institute's newly-created Experimental Biology Department and asked himself two questions that would form the basis of his research over the following years. First, what controls the normal development of different types of blood cells and second, what happens when normal development goes wrong through disease? "I thought that by understanding the normal processes and what happens in disease, I might be able to find a way to control the disease," says Sachs.

In trying to answer these questions, Sachs made discoveries that would serve as a cornerstone for current blood cell research and lead to major clinical applications. He developed the first-ever procedure to grow, clone and induce the development of different types of normal blood cells in a petri dish. Using this process he discovered and identified a family of proteins, among them colony-stimulating factors and some interleukins, that control blood cell production in its various stages.

One of the proteins that Sachs identified, the granulocyte colony stimulating factor, is now used clinically to boost the production of disease-fighting white blood cells in cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy or irradiation. The problem with both of these therapies is that they kill not only cancerous cells but also healthy ones. In many cases patients become dangerously susceptible to infection because their white blood cells have been destroyed. Regenerating certain white blood cells therefore gives these patients a better change to fight infections. After clinical trials in several countries, this treatment is now widely used around the world.

The same protein was also found to help improve the success of bone marrow and blood cell transplants, as well as a number of other clinical procedures.

#### **Reversing malignancy**

Sachs also asked the question: what changes in normal development result in leukemia, and can this process be reversed? Subsequently he demonstrated that the proteins he had initially discovered, and some other compounds, can induce certain leukemic cells to behave again like normal ones both in a petri dish and in the body. Until then, most scientists had believed that malignancy was irreversible. These findings led to a form of treatment, called differentiation therapy, that does not kill cancer cells but instead gently induces them to behave like normal cells again.

Based on these results, researchers in France and China then developed an experimental treatment for patients suffering from acute promyelocytic leukemia. This procedure is now also being tested in other types of cancer.

#### **What keeps cancer cells alive?**

A few years ago Sachs returned to a question that had troubled him back in the early days of his scientific work. "When I first put normal blood cells into a petri dish, I found that without the necessary chemicals the cells would die. I decided to see if the materials needed to keep normal cells alive were the same for leukemic cells," says Sachs.

In normal circumstances, a cell is created, lives and then dies, and there is a balance between the creation of new cells and the death of old ones. But in cancer cells this balance is profoundly distorted. Sachs' present research includes studies on the genetic changes which take place in leukemic cells enabling them to live longer, and on finding ways to "switch off" these life-maintaining genes in the cancer cells, so that they die like normal cells that the body no longer needs. This research could provide another new approach to cancer treatment.

Contemplating 45 years of work, Sachs, who holds the Otto Meyerhof Chair of Molecular Biology at the Weizmann Institute, acknowledges that it has not always been easy. "I enjoyed most of it, but not all," he admits. "There have been ups and downs. But overall I'm optimistic and believe that all problems have solutions. One has to be permanently curious and keep on trying."



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# Blumenthal Jewish Home

## Chai-lights

JUNE

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### BOARD HOLDS ANNUAL RETREAT FUTURE OF BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME DISCUSSED



**Audrey Madans**  
President, Board of Trustees

*The Board of Trustees in their continuing effort, indeed responsibility, to meet the needs of Jewish elderly residing in the Carolinas adopted the following proposal at their annual retreat which concluded May 4, 1997:*

The Board of Trustees believes that it can best serve its mission, to provide for the needs of our Jewish Elderly, including supporting indigent needs for nursing facility care, but also extending to other appropriate services for the elderly, by considering a sale of the Clemmons facility and devoting the proceeds of such a sale to a new Foundation to be established, which will be dedicated to supporting Jewish Elder care needs in local communities in North and South Carolina.

The adoption of the concept of a "nursing facility without walls" was based on a number of factors of which the Board is aware and which threaten the Board's ability to continue to satisfy the Home's current mission. The major issues include the steady reduction in the Home's Jewish population and economic and financial concerns associated with the continually changing health care environment.

Services for the Jewish elderly could be more easily extended through the new Foundation to those living outside the Clemmons/Winston-Salem area. The Foundation would be responsible for coordinating, implementing and funding programs, services and activities beyond the present location.

The feasibility of selling the Clemmons facility and creating a foundation is complex and will take

time to investigate, study and evaluate. It is likely that there will not be any changes in the operations of the Home in the near future, perhaps not for a year of more. If a sale of the Clemmons facility were to occur, the Board hopes it would be as a going concern to an operator of skilled nursing and assisted living facilities. That would allow a continuation of care for our existing residents and employment opportunities for our staff. The Board will take all appropriate steps to minimize disruption for our residents their families and our staff as well. Presuming that the current residents would continue to stay in the existing facility, some appropriate activities and services would have to be developed to address Jewish needs.

The primary consideration during the investigative process will be continuing to provide quality care for Blumenthal residents. Further, the success of Blumenthal over the past thirty-one years, in large measure, is a result of the caring and dedicated staff. We recognize their contributions and count on their continued support.

We want every one to be a part of this exciting time and any changes that might take place.

On behalf of the entire Board, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.



## WELCOME

May you have a long, happy,  
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**Virginia Buchanan,**  
*Clemmons NC*

**Vera Grupp**

*Clemmons, N.C.*

**Alma Richardson**

*Mocksville, N.C.*

**Alice Shuler**

*Winston-Salem, N.C*

**Lorraine White,**

*Southmont NC.*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### JUNE

Louise Brown

Ruth Fields

Hazel Grubbs

Lena Krieger

Helen Labell

Dorothy Myers

Rose Nove

Hildegard Oppenheimer

*Young at heart residents,  
Irene Mendelson and Saul  
Gottlieb, right and Lottie  
Maienthau, above, enjoy  
the activities with children  
at BJH.*

*( See BJH Briefs)*



*Joyce Gutman from Greensboro celebrates  
with her mother, BJH resident, Bertha  
Schwartz, at the April birthday party.*

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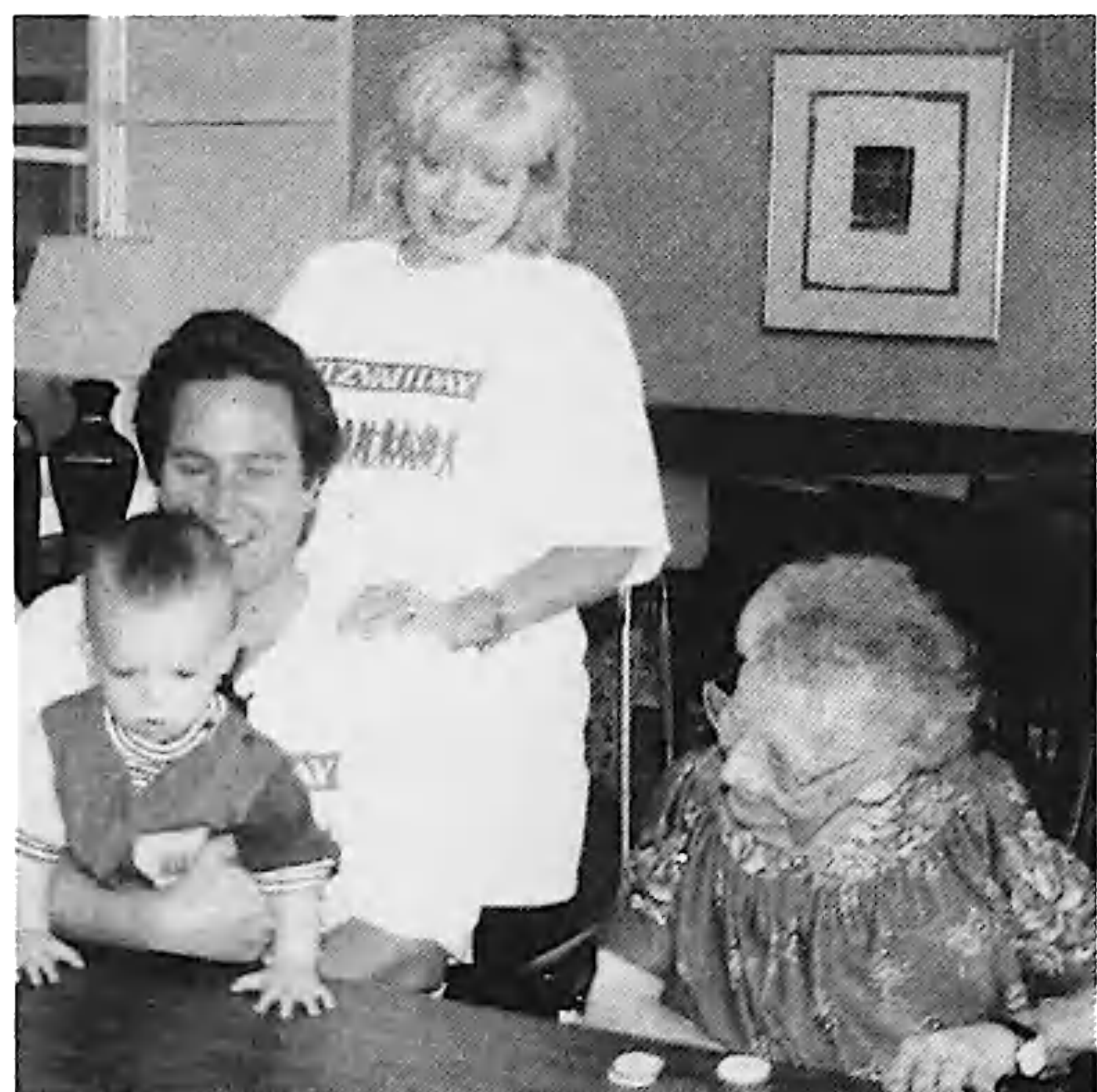


# Sue's News

## Mitzvah Makers Perform Magic



*Taylor Dezii, Mitzvah Day volunteer, conducts magic tricks for the residents.*



*Linda and Scott Bayer and baby Brandon entertain Jeannette Freund.*

*Bea Goodman welcomes volunteers Bonnie Dezii and Taylor and Allison to her room for a visit.*



*Pat Dezii deals a Black Jack game for residents in the Commons.*



Young Taylor Dezii performed magic at BJH on Sunday April 13th. Taylor was one of the 14 volunteers from Temple Emanuel in Greensboro who were participating in the Temple's second annual Mitzvah Day. Volunteers of all ages, beginning with the very young, were participants in Mitzvah day and Blumenthal Jewish Home was blessed to be a recipient.

Taylor began the magical afternoon by presenting a brief act of magic tricks to the delight of the residents gathered in the Fair Oaks living room. Throughout the afternoon all the volunteers created magical moments as they strolled throughout the Home visiting and talking with residents on each wing; while some of the volunteers conducted a black jack game and kibitzed with residents in the Upper Commons others assisted with gardening chores on the BJH grounds.

Both the volunteers and the residents were touched by the magic of doing mitzvot on this beautiful day. Residents faces lit up as they watched the young children, grabbing a hug whenever possible, while the

youngsters enjoyed the special attention. Parents and children volunteering together captured the spirit of tzedakah and the opportunity to teach the gift of giving to the next generation. Many of the residents enjoyed quiet moments of conversation with volunteers, sharing stories with their visitors and making new friends. The BJH gardens also benefited from the extra loving touch as volunteers Bev and Larry Brenowitz practices their gardening skills under the supervision of veteran BJH volunteer Tony Schwertfeger.

This busy fun filled afternoon performed its magic on everyone involved. The volunteers left exhilarated with full hearts and hopes for return visits. The BJH residents experienced the pleasure and the good wishes of the magic created on this Mitzvah Day. Our thanks to the mitzvah makers who visited us from Greensboro: Linda and Scott Bayer and son Brandon, Bev and Larry Brenowitz, Donna Pulitzer and children Audrey, Jake and Sammy, Bonnie and Pat Dezii with children Taylor and Alexandra and Celia Wenig.



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# BJH BRIEFS

**B'nai Shalom Day School** students from Greensboro entertained for the April birthday party at BJH. Ziva London, music teacher at the school, led the fourth grade classes in a spirited musical program which included singing, dancing and musical movements. The multi-talented Rabbi Fred Guttman from Temple Emanuel in Greensboro accompanied the performers with joyful piano music. The BJH residents not only enjoyed the students entertaining program but also the warm greetings of the students who helped to serve the refreshments following their performance.



*The students help to serve the refreshments to the residents at the party.*



*B'nai Shalom Day School students greet residents at the April birthday party.*

**Bubies and Babies** gathered in the Fair Oaks upper commons on April 10th for a morning filled with nurturing and nourishment. Mothers from the Winston-Salem Jewish community brought their babies to visit with the BJH bubies and zadies. Little ones from six months to eighteen months were a treat for the residents who enjoyed the opportunity to hold the babies and cuddle and just watch the youngsters at play. While the babies explored new crawling spaces, climbed up on walkers and on laps, the mothers chatted with residents and compared notes with their peers. Everyone enjoyed the visit and this special time to share nurturing and nourishing snacks together. We were happy to welcome back Judy Breakstone and son Ben, now 18 months, who began the program at age 2 months, Michelle Moore with 6 month old twins Amanda and Matthew, Fran Paige with her new daughter Meredith and Lorna Siegal with son Ian. We look forward to continued Babies and Bubies visits and to watching our young visitors grow.



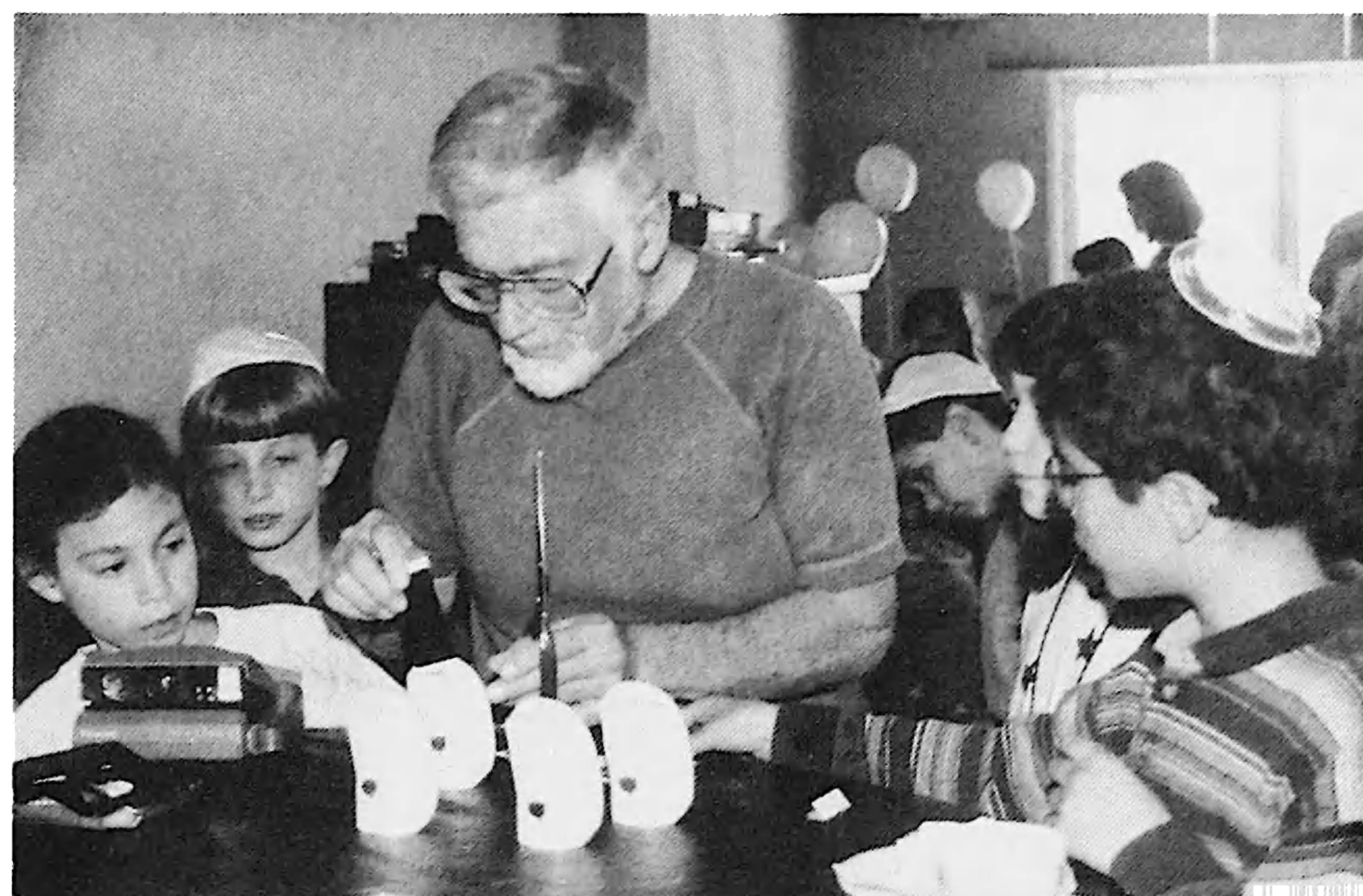
*Young Ian Siegal receives lots of attention from the residents at the "Bubies and Babies" program; he is pictured with Flo Sag and Jack Tenenbaum is in the background.*



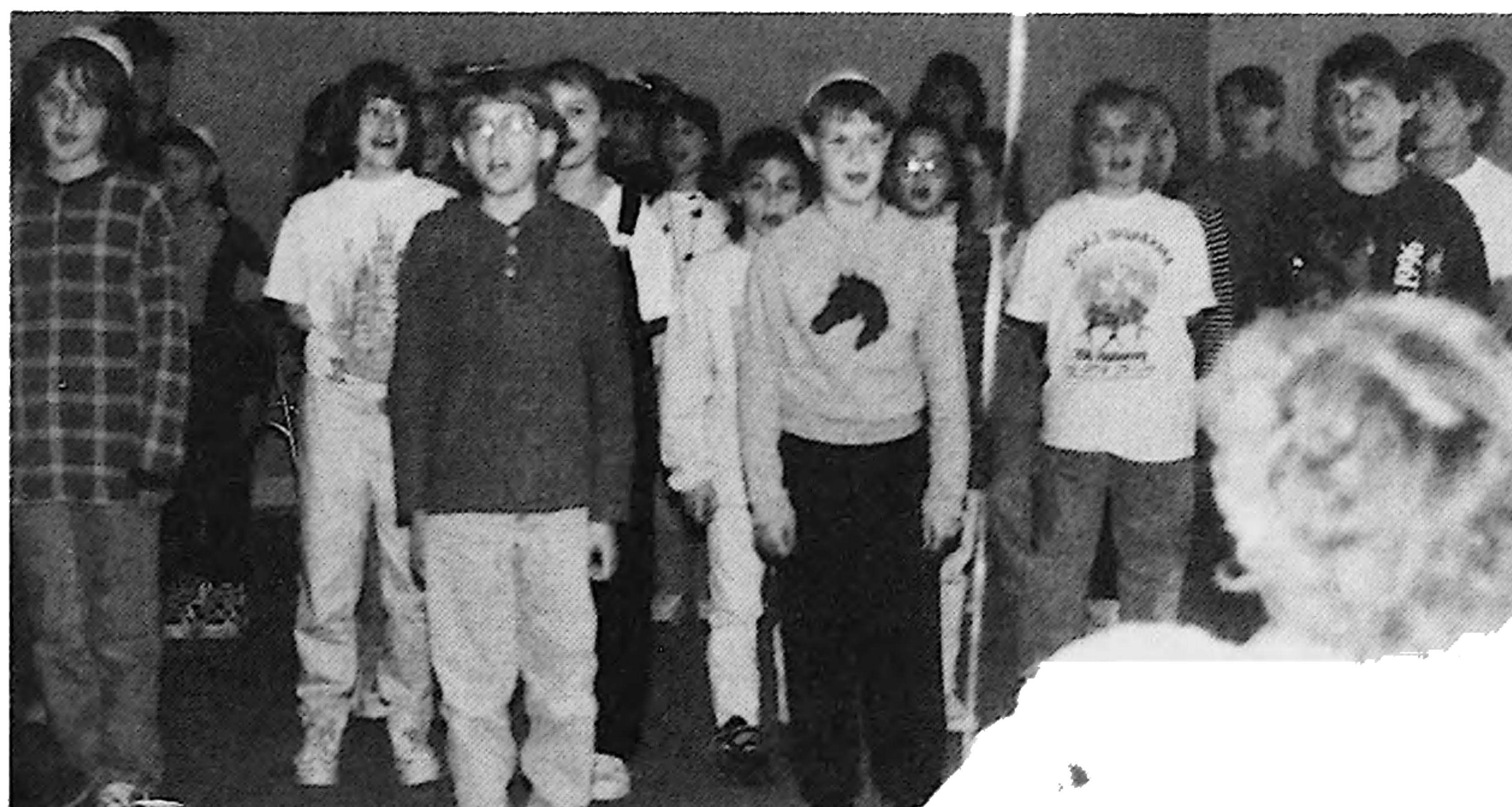
## Special BJH Moments



*B'nai Shalom Day School students serve refreshments and talk with residents at the party.*



*Students gather to watch volunteer Bill Swirin frame pictures of residents as gifts for the birthday honorees.*



*B'nai Shalom fourth grade classes entertain for the April party.*

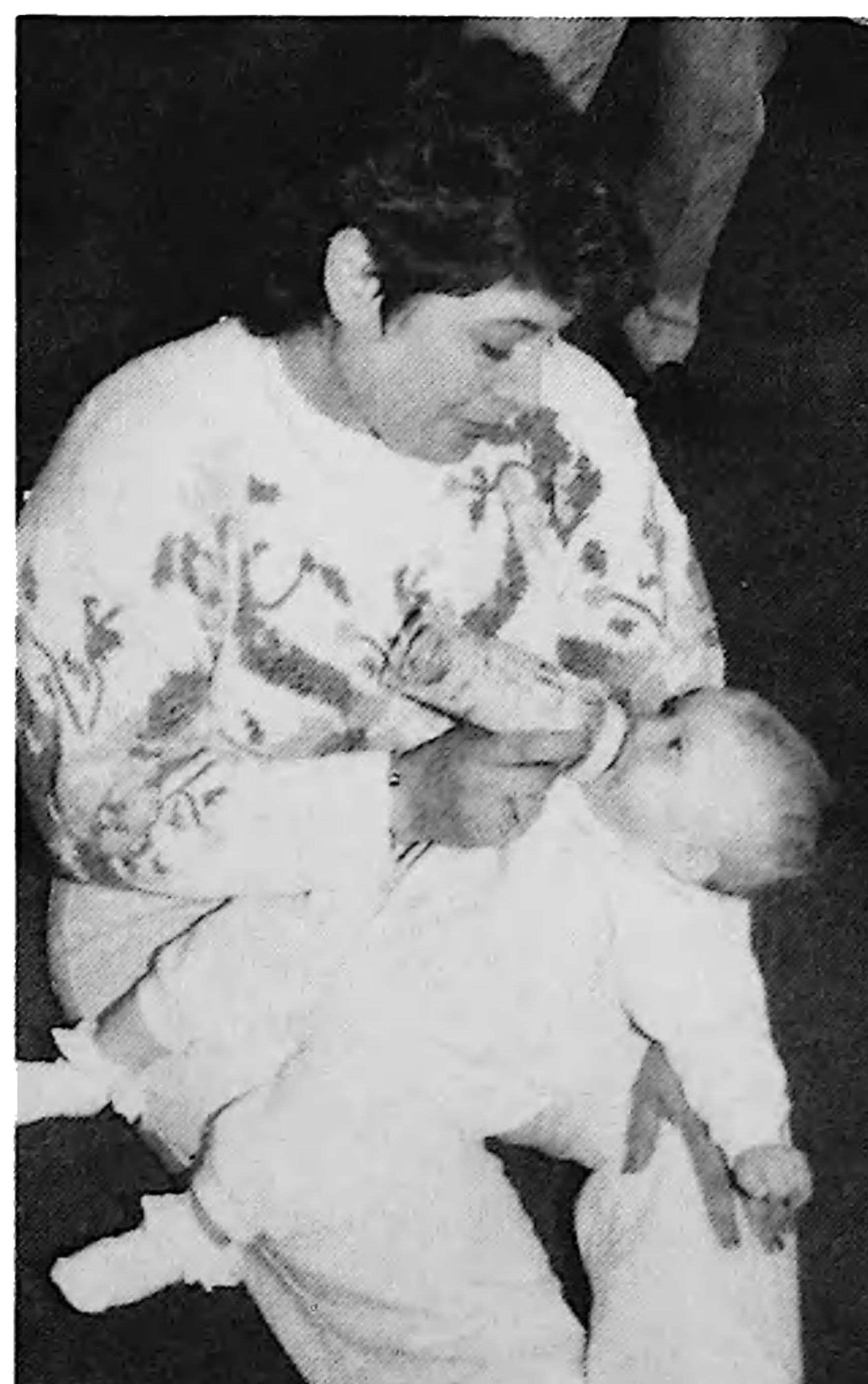


*Loyal Babies and Bubies participants, Judy Breakstone and son Ben, are popular visitors at BJH.*

*Lorna Siegal holds Matthew Moore while chatting with his mother Michelle Moore holding twin sister Amanda.*



*Young Meredith Paige, after a break for nourishment from mother Fran, is ready to continue visiting with resident Fay Simon.*





The Preschool Passover visit was the perfect Passover party for the young and the not so young. Young Gillian Paige ran to sit next to her "friend" Fair Oaks resident Lottie Maienthau who was just as pleased to greet Gillian. Hannah Ackerman quickly engaged in a lively conversation with two preschool students as they discussed topics such as school and seder. Fay Simon and her young partner immediately set to work on their passover drawings as did all the preschoolers and their older partners. This day as on other visits the preschoolers and the residents enjoyed each others company as they worked together on an art project and shared blessings over the shabbat candles, wine and the passover macaroons. Visits throughout the school year have provided a comfort level for the youngsters who arrive excited to see their older friends. Both the BJH residents and the children reap the benefits of meaningful intergenerational visits and holiday celebrations.

## Pre-School Program



*Fran Thull, Director of Temple Emanuel Preschool, leads the children in singing lively songs for the holiday.*



*Residents enjoy working with their preschool partners; seen clockwise from above are: Hannah Ackerman, Fay Simon, Lottie Maienthau and Hildegard Oppenheimer.*



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## Millie's Musings

Since 1987 the residents of the Blumenthal Jewish Home have looked forward each month to their shopping trip to Hanes Mall in Winston-Salem. Lists of needed items are made and hopes of a few bargains are added. The residents are ready to "shop until they drop". Fortunately they won't drop because they are going "first class"; a leisurely ride to town in the new bus and a wheel chair for all who will tire easily. A few stalwart souls who walk the Mall can find many places to rest along the way. Each one of the wheelchair occupants and walkers are accompanied by a volunteer who pushes the chair or lends an arm for support. This activity would not be possible without the many volunteers who meet the bus on Friday mornings, help the residents shop and enjoy a relaxing lunch together.

Many of the volunteers who helped start the program, over ten years ago, are still active participants, Lorna Beck, Howard Friedensen, Eva Gelfand and Pamela Wolfman. In the following years more volunteers were recruited; Frances Brenner, Joanne Graham, Lib and Grant Queen, Joanne Raschke, Jane Emerson, Gail Citron, Lydia Thabet, Rebecca Schwartz, Marian Sloan, Dot and Bert Kalet, Leonard Klein and Betty Roth became regular shopping volunteers.

Several who originally began as volunteers have become valued employees of BJH, Arlene van de Rijn and Gail Ruthfield (and Millie Slatkoff) while one of our staff, Catherine Smith, retired and has become a dependable volunteer.

More recently the residents have

welcomed others to become a part of this group; Michele Sigal, Jean Fromson, Amy and Bobby Lamy, Loma Simon, Judith Levy, Nancy Allen, Pam Emerson and Jessie and Jim Brock joined us in the past year.

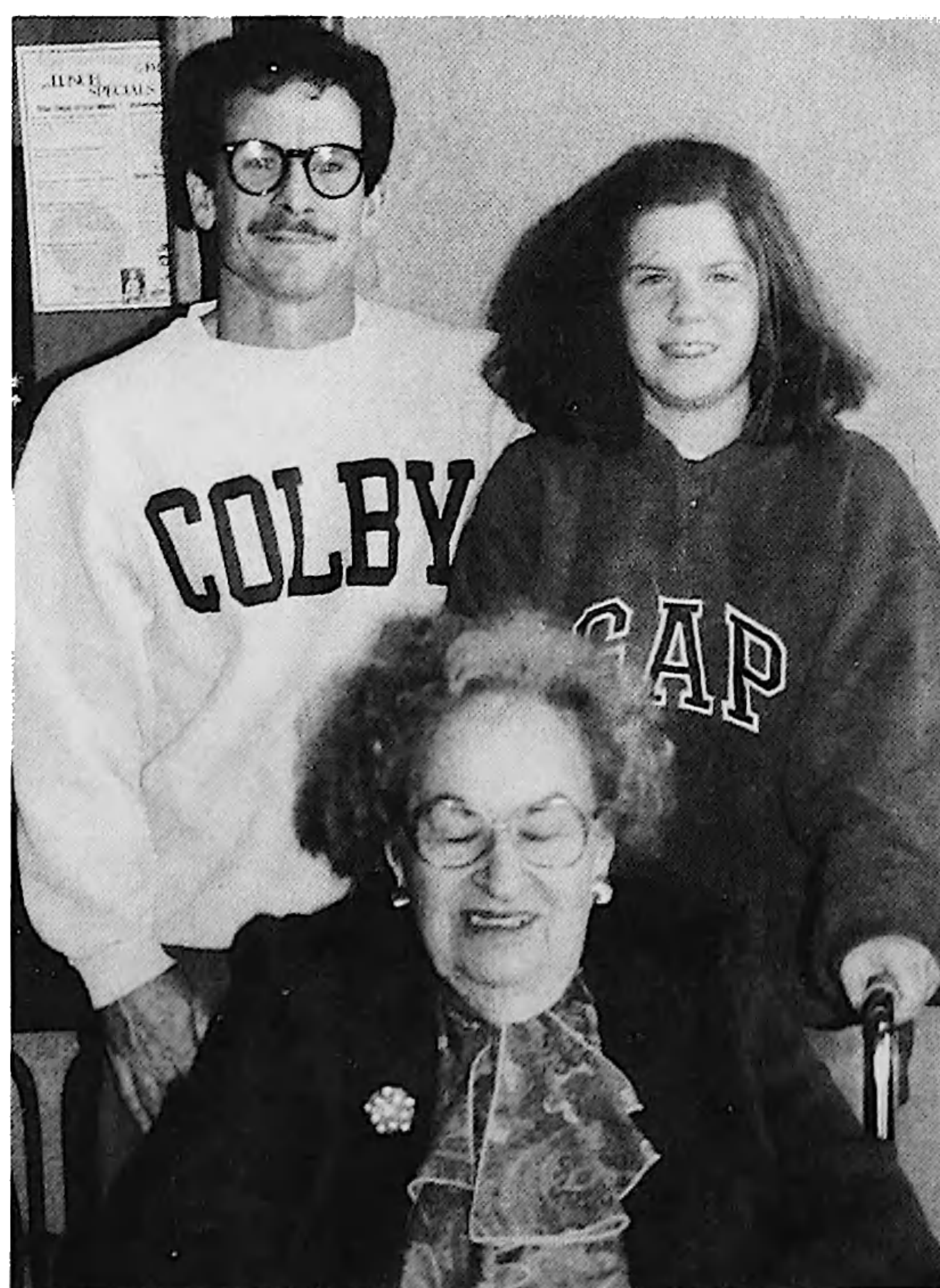
But the best of all shopping days are when the children of our volunteers and our teenage volunteers are able to participate. During the month of May our shopping day fell on a school holiday; Sarah Fromson, Leah Sigal, Meredith, Allison and Caroline Lamy and Jess Porcari and a friend joined us to help. The youngsters created a joyful ambiance that was infectious; everyone was smiling and laughing and happy to be on this outing.

Would you like to join this group of shoppers and help to bring joy to our residents? Call Millie Slatkoff at BJH, 910-766-6401.

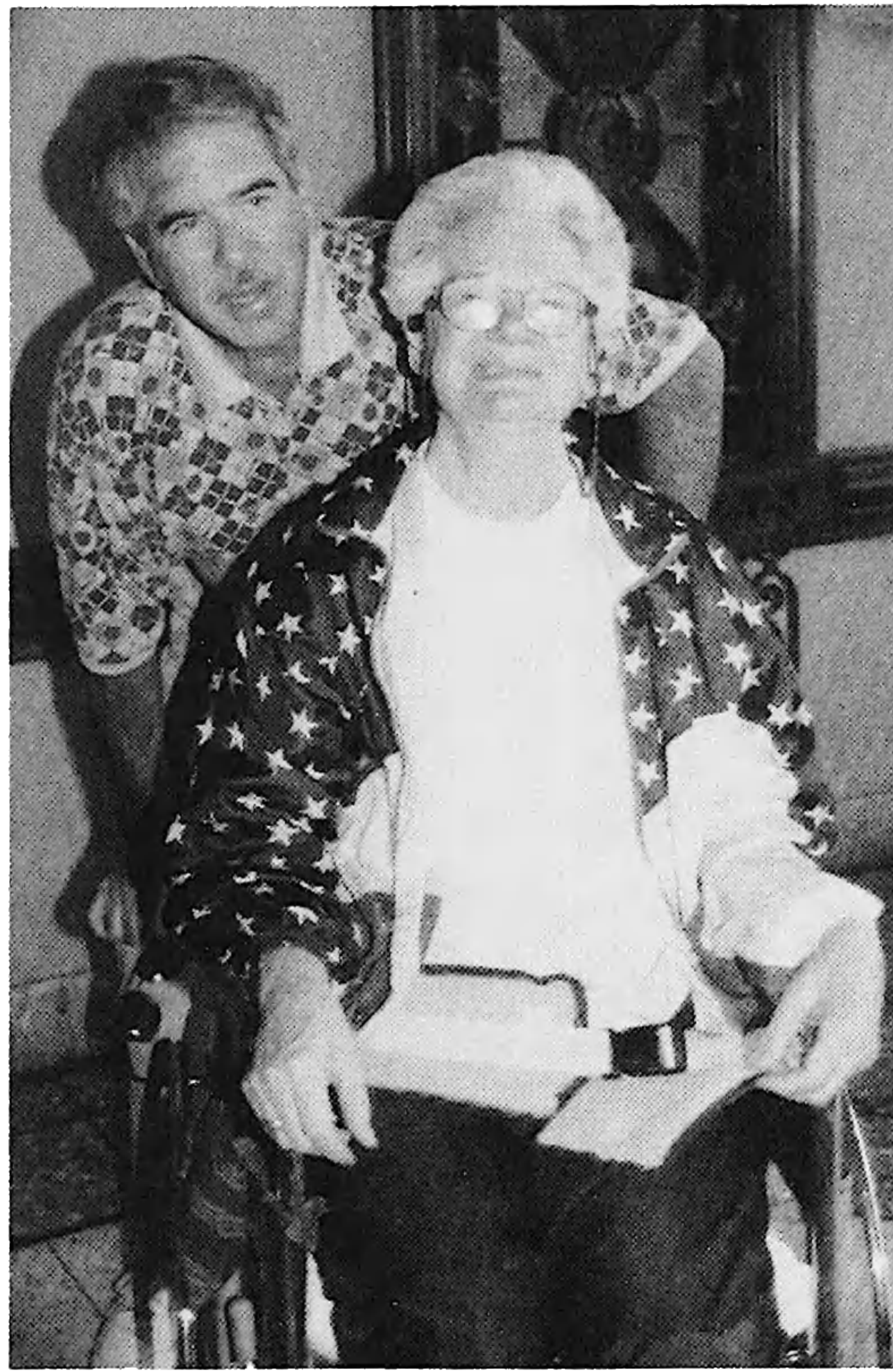
*Tzedakah, family style, is provided by the Lamy family at the Mall shopping trip. Seen from the left are Florence Blumenstein with volunteers Bobby and Meredith Lamy, and Lottie Maienthau with Amy Lamy.*



*Caroline Lamy tries her hand at working the wheel chair lift on the BJH bus.*







*Smiles are guaranteed on a shopping trip to the mall with volunteers. Seen from the left are: Frances Goldberg with volunteer Grant Queen, Lib Queen with Therese Schwartz and Jeannette Freund with volunteer Jessie Brock.*

## Calendar Highlights June

# 1997

1. Sunday Sweets, with Sisterhood Temple Emanuel, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.
3. Monthly Birthday Party, with Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
6. Catholic Mass with Holy Family, Friendship Room, 10:00 a.m.
10. Leave for VFW Hall Senior Citizens Luncheon, Fair Oaks Lobby, 10:00 a.m.
10. Resident Council Meeting.
11. Shavuot Services, Synagogue, 10:00 a.m.
12. Shavuot / Yizkor Service, Synagogue, 10:00 a.m.
13. General Store, Library, 10:00 a.m.
15. Card Club Upper Commons, 3:00 p.m.
17. News and Views with Leonard Clein, Friendship Room, 10:30 a.m.
19. Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, Fair Oaks Lobby, 10:30 a.m.
20. Leave for Winston-Salem Shopping at Hanes Mall, Fair Oaks Lobby 9:30 a.m.
22. Brenner Concert - Razz Ma Tazz "Cinemagic", Commons Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
24. Homewide Cookout - Tanglewood Park, Fair Oaks Lobby, 10:00 a.m.
26. Travelogue "Travels to Hawaii", Friendship Room, 2:30 p.m.





*Seen having a good time on a shopping trip are: above, Herman and Rose Nove with teen volunteers and below from the left, Flo Blumenstein with volunteer Joanne Graham, Dorothy Rogat with volunteer Loma Simon and Sue Michielutte with volunteer Catherine Smith.*

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following  
staff members who celebrate  
anniversaries  
of employment in

### JUNE

#### 10 years

Lydia Sparrow, Administration  
Donnelle Vaughn, Administration

#### 8 years

Linda Smith, LPN  
Arlene Van de Rijn, Administration

#### 4 years

Kathy Walker, CNA

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# Temple

## NEWS

### Temple Israel

Charlotte NC

by Robert Gleiberman

**Mazel Tov** to the upcoming  
B'nai Mitzvahs. . .

**June 7 Rachel Kaplan**, *daughter of Wendy Sklut and Steve Kaplan*

**June 14 Daniel Block**, *son of Debby & David Block*

**June 21 Aaron Weiner**, *son of Jan & Ron Weiner*

**June 28 Gabriel Campbell**, *son of Phyllis & Howard Campbell*

**We welcome with joy our new arrivals. . .**

**Morris Connor Speizman**, *son of Jodi & Bryan Speizman.*

**Aaron Jacob Weiner**, *son of Stefanie & David Weiner.*

**Jessica Helyn Goldfarb**, *daughter of Leslie & Dana Goldfarb*

### Highlighted Activities for June include. . .

- 1 Perspective New Member Picnic
- 2 Board Meeting  
Band Rehearsal
- 3 Parshat Hashavu'ah
- 4 USY/Kadima Installations  
Baby Havurah
- 10 Points of View
- 11-12 Shavuot
- 13 T.I.S.S.K. Services
- 17 Parshat Hashavu'ah
- 20 T.I.S.S.K. Services  
Family Shabbat Dinner
- 24 Points of View  
Parshat Hashavu'ah
- 27 T.I.S.S.K. Services
- 28 Healing Service

### ETTA & LOUIS GREENSPON ENDOWMENT ESTABLISHED. . .

William Gorelick, Chairman, and Lou Wernick, Planned Giving Director of the Temple Israel Endowment Committee, announced the establishment of the Etta and Louis Greenspon Senior Endowment Fund. This fund, endowed by Stanley Greenspon, will provide the financial support for "Celebrating Life", a senior activity program founded and sponsored by Temple Israel. The program has come into being because of the enormous need to provide human services to Jewish senior citizens living in Charlotte. "Celebrating Life" offers an opportunity to Jewish seniors for exposure to educational and cultural events as well as socializing. All programs are open to the entire Jewish community, affiliated or unaffiliated.

An initial fund of \$12,500 has been established by Stanley Greenspon to ensure that "Celebrating Life" will be endowed in perpetuity.

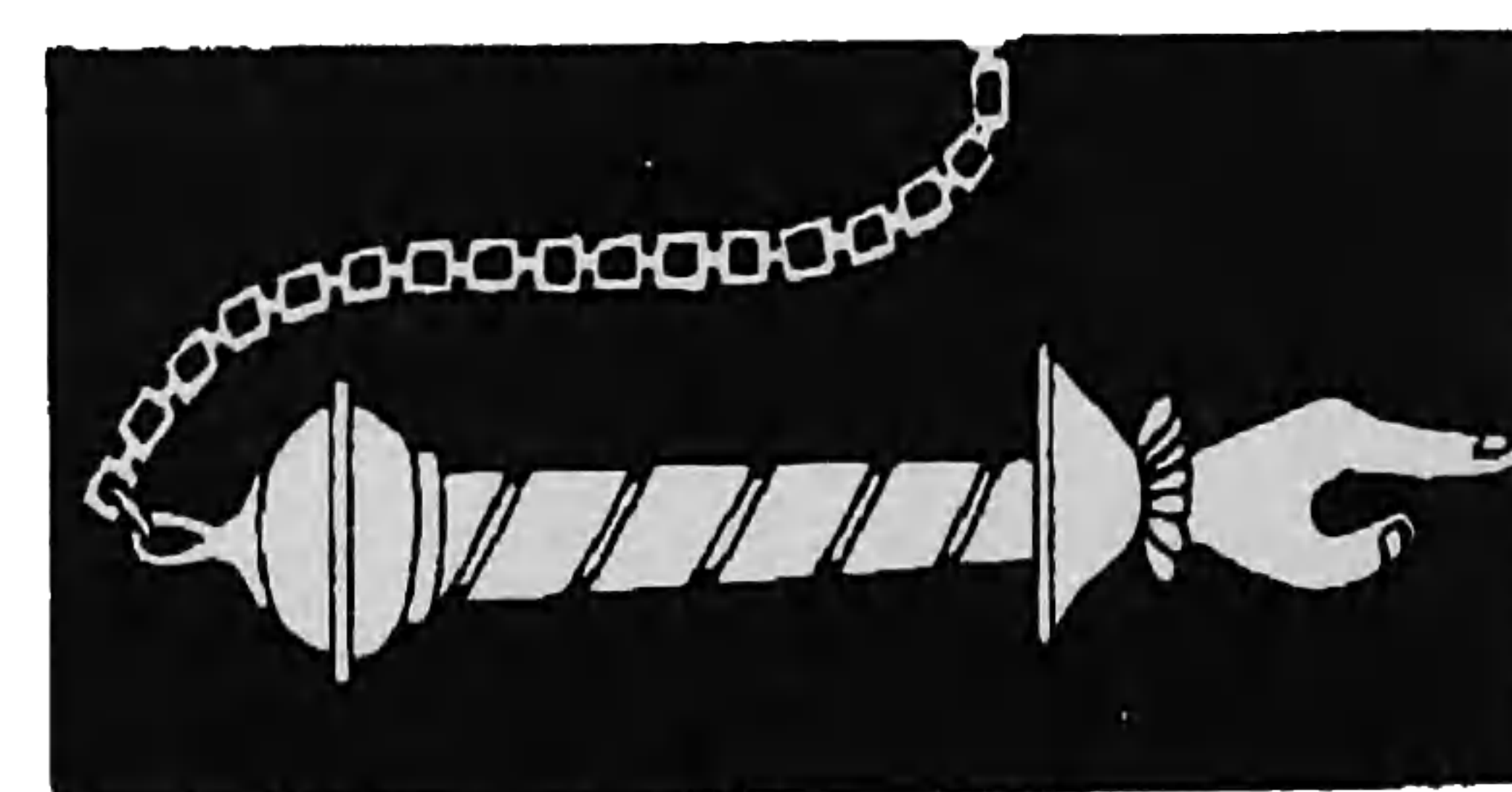
Stanley Greenspon, who has been actively involved with State of Israel Bonds, the Jewish Federation, the Jewish Community Center and the Blumenthal Jewish Home, is acutely aware of the tremendous need for this program. Greenspon said, "I witnessed and experienced what these programs meant to my mother during her last few years and I feel indebted for what they gave her. Establishing this endowment is the best way to honor both of my parents for the tremendous contributions each made and the love they had for synagogue activities".

In its fourth year of service to the senior Jewish community, "Celebrating Life" has been arranging programmatic activities on a monthly basis. The programs have been highly diverse, Jewish, and secular in content. Evelyn Berger, a volunteer who has provided guidance and administration to the program said, "For our friends who have achieved length of years, the goal for our program is also to provide quality of life. . .then we can truly say, "Grow old with me. . .the best is yet to be".

The Etta and Louis Greenspon Senior Endowment Fund will also be used to provide the support which will enable Temple Israel to accommodate the increasing senior population of Charlotte who wish to avail themselves of this meaningful social and educational program.

### GIFT SHOP NEWS. . .

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## Beth Israel Synagogue Asheville NC

by Lillian R. Wellisch

### WOVEN YOUTH

From Shana Ratner, Reporter, "We have had some excellent meetings and events lately! In March, we had a human dynamics activity. We also prepared for and helped run the JCC Purim Carnival. We had a great time with the entire carnival, especially our famous jail! In April, we had some very exciting activities: April 9—Activity on Israeli Politics and April 23—Woven Youth Passover Seder.

### MEMBERSHIP—CHAI LIGHTS

Patricia and Alan Silverberg and their daughter and son-in-law, Debbi and Anthony Adams are two new members from the Palm Beach area of Florida. Debbi and Anthony have two adorable children, Stacey (4-1/2) and Scott (19 months). The family chose to relocate themselves and their business, Meat Commodities, here because the Asheville area afforded them the beauty and serenity of the mountains and gave them a chance to live in an area that was not only safe, but beautiful and brimming with outdoor life.

### DR. BARBARA GERBER, PSYCHOLOGIST

Spoke to parents of teenagers on Sunday, April 13, about concerns and advantages of being teenagers and parents of teenagers.

### ADULT EDUCATION

We studied the Bible's Book of Ruth from many literary perspectives. The Book of Ruth is a very short book (four chapters) and a very powerful spiritual book, as well. After the three classes, participants have mastered the Book. It also led us to the Holy Days of Shavuot.

These classes took place on Tuesday nights.

Other upcoming programs are two classes on the structure and meaning of (Shabbat) Friday Night and Saturday Morning Services. In June, several classes on Kabbalah, Jewish Mysticism, will be held.

### THANK YOU

First United Methodist Church of Franklin, North Carolina, sent a letter of thank you to Rabbi Birnham and the congregation for the wonderful worship and the delightful hospitality enjoyed last month when they visited Beth Israel. They said it would be a highlight of their confirmation education. They hope to return next year.

### SISTERHOOD

#### A TASTE OF PASSOVER

On April 10, Sisterhood featured "A Taste of Passover". The entrance fee was a MUST BRING prepared dish for 10 or 12 that could be cut up and served as small samples and recipe cards to share with others. Adults, men and women, were invited. It was loads of fun.

### BETH ISRAEL SECOND NIGHT SEDER

This was co-chaired by Barbara and Marty Kramer and Toby Cohen and led by Rabbi Birnham. It was a total

sell-out this year. A warm feeling permeated the atmosphere. Congregants and guests left with a feeling of being satiated spiritually and physically.

### WOMEN'S SEDER

This was held on Thursday, April 24, at 6:00 p.m. It was co-sponsored by the Women of the Asheville Jewish Community. The Seder included the stories of women in our community who have escaped great difficulty and gone on to triumph over impossible circumstances. A simple supper accompanied the ritual foods and wine.

Tzedakah was offered in honor of the matriarchs, for those who made us who we are. All monies collected from this proceeding went to the women's shelter in Asheville and Haifa.

### HADASSAH

On April 25, Rabbi Robert Ratner discussed, "So Hymie Said to Rothchild," at the Jewish Community Center.

During May, Hadassah was the host of the regional convention in Asheville, which was very well attended and very well received.

### "Rena's Promise: A Story of Sisters in Auschwitz"

On Monday, April 7, Rena Kornreich

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Gelissen spoke about her book, *Rena's Promise*, "a tale of their ordeal, their love, and their promise to die together if they both could not survive. Rena bravely shares her story with relentless sobriety. Her ability to stir an audience and connect to people of all ages is extraordinary.

On March 26, 1942, the first transport of women arrived at Auschwitz. Among the 999 Jewish girls brought on that first day was twenty-one year old Rena Kornreich—the seven hundred and sixteenth woman in Auschwitz. Her sister, Danka, would follow Rena to the camp where they would spend almost three years. Women's accounts of the Holocaust are rare. Rena's story of survival, has at its core not a lone heroic struggle, but the power of an unusual relationship between sisters, women, Gentiles, and Jews, which gives them the will to endure unimaginable circumstances.

Her co-author Heather Dune Macadam, who lives in Winston-Salem, says "Rena has changed my life, and I believe that she will change many people's lives by giving us a new way of perceiving not only the Holocaust, but its place in our memories, and our shared histories."

#### WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM—BETH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

Charleston was the Host City for the twenty-two cities in the Southeast which belong to Women's League for Conservative Judaism—Southern Branch. This convention was also well attended and very well received. Unfortunately, the Hadassah Convention and the Women's League Convention were held at the same time and some of the members of Sisterhood who are members of Hadassah were unable to attend both.

#### JEWISH JEOPARDY COMPETITION

On April 30, members joined in Jewish Jeopardy for the second time. Again, it was a social success with lots of fun. Topics covered were Biblical Heroes and Heroines, Holidays, Movies, Israel, and Yiddish Phrases. There was food, fun, laughs, and prizes, and open to all adults (post bar/bat mitzvah).

#### EIGHT O'CLOCK ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

On April 25, "Herbs and Your Health" was the topic. Herbalist Smadar Yinhar discussed this fast growing and interesting topic.

#### COMMUNITY HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION

This was held on Sunday, May 4, at Congregation Beth Israel. "Weapons of the Spirit", the television documentary telling the story of the good Christian people of Le Chambon, who saved two thousand five hundred Jews, men, women, and children, from the clutches of the Nazis was shown at Beth Israel. After the showing, Dr. Walter Ziffer of Beth Israel, who spent five years in Le Chambon after the war, detailed this remarkable village and its people. The community attended.

#### RABIN REMEMBERED

The Jewish Community Center of Asheville hosted the photographic exhibit, "Rabin Remembered" from May 1-28 at the JCC. The road to peace can be seen in the life of Yitzhak Rabin, who won the Nobel Prize for Peace with Shimon Peres and Yassir Arafat.

#### Temple Beth haTephila Asheville NC

by Marjorie Schachter

#### THE SATURDAY MORNING FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

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# Community NEWS

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The Social Club of Temple Israel is planning a summer theatre party for July 26. The show is the Tony Award winning musical, **CRAZY FOR YOU** and the date is July 26. This is a Gershwin extravaganza filled with song and dance and Ken Ludwig's hilarious dialogue. We have a limited number of seats on reserve and so it is important that you make your reservations as soon as possible. The seats cost \$12 each. To make your reservations, send your check to: Douglas Mann 137 N. Canterbury Rd., Charlotte, 28211.

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Rachel Tamar Klein and Lawrence Charles Berendt were married on Sunday, March 30, 1997, at the Jericho Jewish Center, Jericho, New York. Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld of The Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills officiated. Rabbi Moshe Turk of the Jewish Heritage Center in Queens read the Ketubah.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Klein of Charlotte. Her grandparents are Mrs. Rhea Tannen of Hampton, Virginia, and the late Joseph Tannen, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Klein of Charlotte.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Berendt of Kew Gardens Hills, New York. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Aryeh Leib Kol and the late Mr. and Mrs. Eliezer Berendt.

Bridesmaids were the bride's sisters, Deborah Klein and Ilana Klein, and her friends Jennifer Bell, Melanie Hicks, and Suzie Revkin. Flower girls were her nieces, Kyla and Marissa Arager, and ring bearer was her nephew, Joseph Rosenberg.

Groomsmen were the bride's brother, Andrew Klein, and the groom's friends Stephen Rusgo, Steven Pollan, J. David Kestler, Jeffrey Mann, and Keffrey Foote.

The bride is a graduate of Providence Senior High School in Charlotte, and of Queens College, Queens, New York. She is currently teaching at a Jewish school in Kew Gardens Hills.

The groom graduated from high school in Israel. He then served three years with the Israeli Defense Forces as a paratrooper. While Rachel was in Israel with Hadassah Year Course, she met Larry. They both returned to America the same summer and entered college. Larry graduated from Cobleskill State University, Cobleskill, New York.

The couple spent their honeymoon at Yosemite National Park. They are residing in Kew Gardens Hills, New York. In September, they will move to London, England, where Larry will enter the Royal Veterinary College of the University of London.



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 one attributes value to the life of others,  
 by means of love, friendship, indignation, compassion.*

Simone De Beauvoir





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Israel's Crystal Ball Gazers

Remote work also holds out the promise of leveling the playing field for the physically handicapped, especially the severely handicapped. Problems of handicapped access and discrimination will no longer be issues barring entry to the job market.

However, telematics can be carried too far. The Brave New World of the future could be one where teleshopping, telelearning, telework, video conferencing and e-mail lead to isolationism; to an individual who has no direct social contact with others and who never even goes out of his or her home.

In the final analysis, whether we like it or not, the technology to radically alter the way we live and work is already upon us. The question remains just how we will use it.

"We are moving towards a global village", concludes Soffer, "where the Internet, e-mail and video conferencing will be opening up many new and interesting possibilities. We need to be prepared to take advantage of them."

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today's students, who are very talented, are more secure to experiment and find their own style. "I don't want the meaning of music to get lost to my students in too much technicality and standardization. I relay to them different musical values, so the music becomes part of them, not alien."

A few years ago, Peskoff started experimenting with the eastern influence in jazz, and created the Kedma band which incorporates Middle Eastern music with jazz. One of his students, who is now playing in New York, has successfully adapted the oud, a Middle Eastern lute, into his jazz music. Peskoff recently returned from a municipal-sponsored cultural exchange in which the Jerusalem Jazz trio, Kedma's successor, toured major European cities.

As an artist and as a teacher, Peskoff feels that he has definitely contributed to the Israeli jazz scene. Whereas the current aesthetic in jazz is very technical, Peskoff tries to counter that. "I explain to my students that jazz is music which they can adapt to their own style." Jokingly, Peskoff says that today Arthur Rubinstein wouldn't get to the first level of his own competition because of the emphasis on purely mastering technique."

"Israeli jazz," says Peskoff, "needs to stop imitating and start incorporating regional music. Then something meaningful will be created."

Peskoff himself has come a long way in creating his own meaningful life and musical path in Jerusalem's diverse spiritual and cultural milieu.

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Orthodox Population

(most of whom study rather than work), that a balanced demography is in their own interest. If they drive away other Jerusalemites, the city will become too poor to support them. According to an institute study, if current trends continue, by the year 2010 a third of Jerusalem's population will be non-Jewish, a third will be ultra-Orthodox, and the remaining third-a mix of secular and observant Jews-will be in flight from a changed city with a collapsing economy. To forestall that grim future, major social, demographic and economic issues must be addressed now.

However, this is far from the only priority. Jerusalem is a complex city with numerous social, cultural and economic challenges that need sensitive handling. Let us hope that the Institute's scholars continue to formulate guidelines to help those in government plan for the future for many years to come.





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# Editorial

## Why Is This Not News?

by Abraham H. Foxman

Israeli bulldozers arrive suddenly, ready to work. Protesters screaming and crying, surround them. Those who attempt to prevent the operation are removed by Israeli police and soldiers, some say violently. Six are injured in the fracas, including children, and 18 are arrested.

Regular readers of American newspapers and viewers of TV news would assume that the above description is of Palestinian protests over the recent Israeli building project in Jerusalem, Har Homa. It is not. This incident, virtually unreported by the American media, occurred at the Jewish settlement of Yitzhar, near Nablus. Israeli troops demolished three buildings the government said were built months ago without permits. Just a week earlier, amid similar protests, police and soldiers removed two illegally constructed trailer homes in Mitzpeh Yericho, a settlement outside Jericho.

My intention is not to express an opinion regarding Israeli policy. Rather, it is to use the examples of Yitzhar and Har Homa to question why the American media choose to cover certain stories in Israel, and why other equally important stories are ignored.

Almost uniformly and since his election one year ago, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been portrayed by the American media as an ideologue bent on halting the peace process, expanding Israeli settlements and blatantly disregarding Palestinian concerns. The Prime Minister's decision to commence building at Har Homa was presented as confirmation of these sinister designs. News reports, editorials and op-eds decried Israeli "settlement building" in "Arab East

Jerusalem." Netanyahu was accused of treading on this vacant land to satisfy diabolical expansionist ambitions. Other articles explained that the "far-right" and "anti-peace" parties of the governing coalition forced this building project to proceed, threatening to abandon the coalition if their agenda was not followed.

Now let's take the incident at Yitzhar. The story is certainly compelling, with the right media-loving visuals, complete with bulldozers, soldiers, crying men, women and children being dragged from the homes. Moreover, here was a story that should have been politically interesting to media. In the face of conventional wisdom, at Yitzhar, and earlier at Mitzpeh Yericho, Prime Minister Netanyahu took determined action to stop illegal settlement activity. This decision took into account the sensitivities of neighboring Palestinians. It infuriated settler leaders and other Israelis sympathetic to the settler movement—a constituency politically important to Netanyahu. The National Religious Party, a key member of the governing coalition, promised to protest the action at a cabinet meeting.

Throughout my professional career I have been a staunch defender of democratic ideals, including freedom of the press. To be sure, there are reporters, columnists, editorial writers, and even perhaps entire news organizations that consistently demonstrate an anti-Israel bias. But I have strongly disagreed with those who insist that the American media uniformly treat Israel with a double standard.

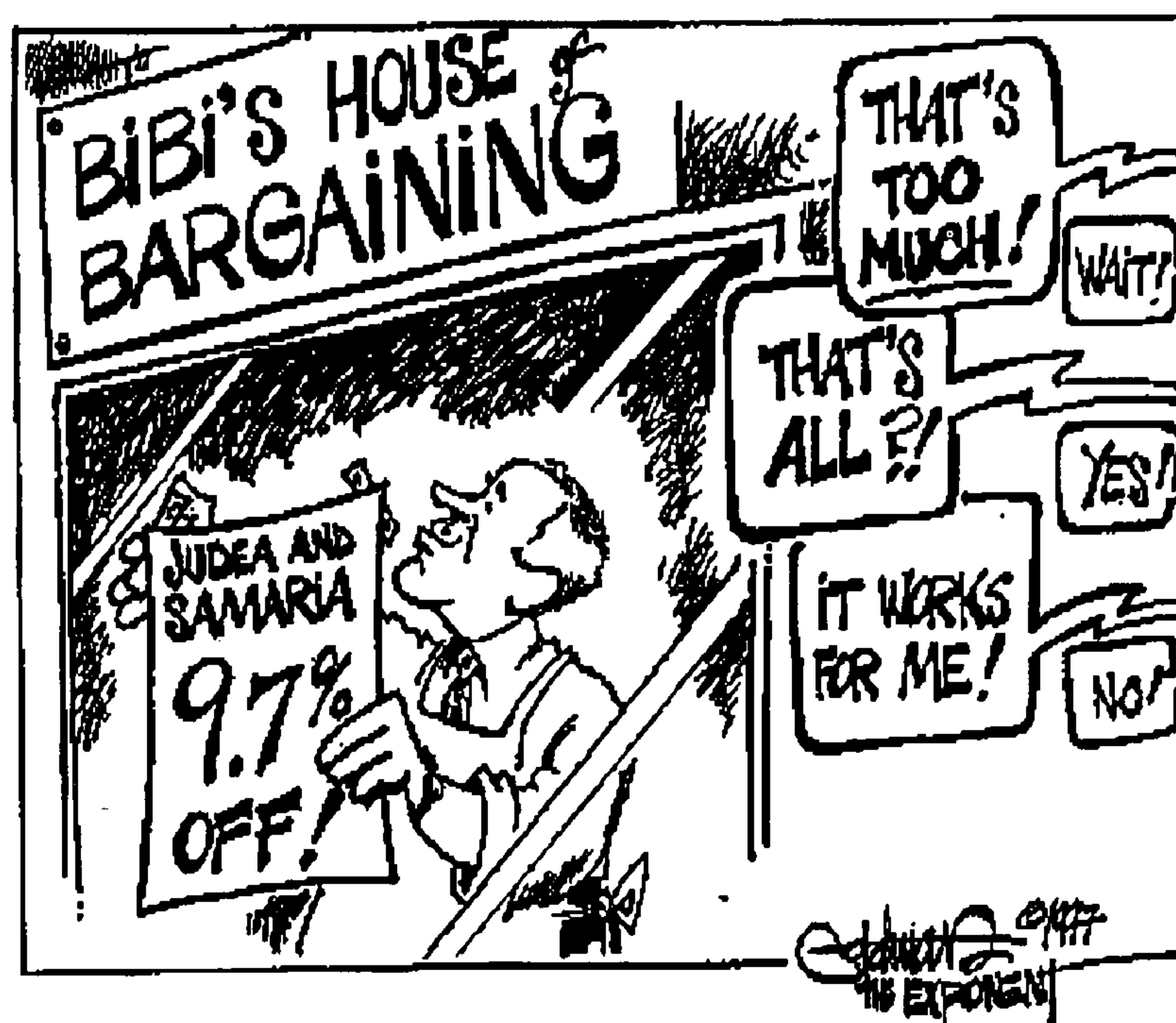
However, I do have to question the judgment of many working journalists when it comes to the current



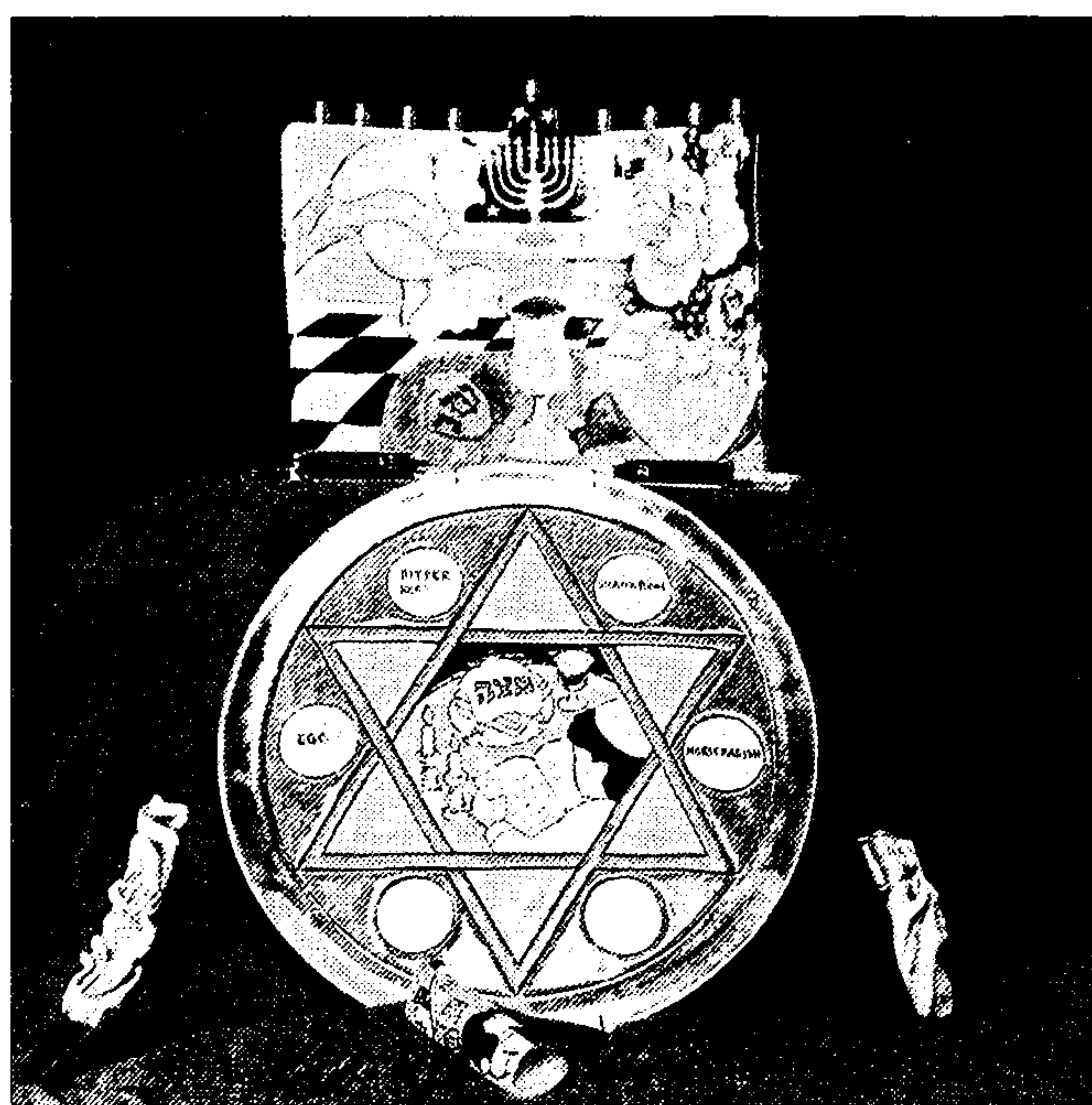
situation in Israel. Simply, why are Israeli events and government decisions that may somehow contradict the all-too-common and simplistic impressions often left unreported?

I am not saying that Har Homa, reported accurately and fairly, is not a good news story. I'm just saying it is not the **only** story. As Israel and the Palestinians attempt to put the peace process back on track, American media need to cover these developments in all their complexities.

*Abraham H. Foxman is National Director of the Anti-Defamation League.*



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**I**t began 32 years ago in a magical summer called the L.A. Hebrew High School Ulpan in Israel. It culminated when my husband, three children and I made aliya in 1993.

But it probably really began in 1885, when my paternal grandfather, Shlomo Moussaioff, decided he'd had enough of traveling back and forth to Jerusalem and made aliya from Bukhara (now in Uzbekistan).

Family lore has it that this rabbi, kabbalistic scholar and community leader had bought a large parcel of land in what was to become downtown West Jerusalem and offered to sell lots at cost to those of his neighbors who were willing to move to Israel and settle in Jerusalem. The result was the Bukharim Quarter, one of the first neighborhoods outside the Old City walls, which, unlike those of East Jerusalem with its narrow winding streets, had broad boulevards and stately stone buildings built around large courtyards.

My grandfather built his own home, as well as a house of study and prayer and a courtyard for his large family. Both of my parents grew up around those courtyards and they figure in my own fantasies of the ideal way to live with family and community.

My grandfather took his Zionism so seriously that he found a method that would, he thought, ensure that his descendants remained in the Land of Israel. In his will,

he stipulated that any income from his Bukharim Quarter properties would be enjoyed by his male heirs only while they were living in Israel. (His two daughters were left other properties outside the Quarter). It turned out that the promise of money was not enough to keep many of his descendants in Israel. But something

of his spirit must have remained because many of us have been going back and forth all our lives.

My own parents left Jerusalem on what was supposed to be a short business trip in 1939. While they were gone, World War II broke out and they were unable to return. Six years later, when the war ended, they were already settled into a big Spanish-style house, with a store on Hollywood Boulevard and a life in Los Angeles. As a result, I was raised in California rather than Jerusalem.

But what does it mean to be the granddaughter of a rabbi who built a synagogue in Jerusalem?

I try to reflect on the connection and the distance between the grandfather I never met, and myself—a 48-year-old American woman shaped in equal parts by Judaism and the 60's; a woman less interested in theocracy than in protesting the Vietnam War, supporting Peace Now and trying to get American Jewish federations to allocate more of their resources to Jewish education.



*Rabbi Shlomo Moussaioff from Bukhara (now Uzbekistan), who established the Bukharim Quarter in West Jerusalem.*



The world of sidelocks and covered heads, of right-wing politics and rigid observance is foreign to me but it must have been the world of my grandfather. He was a product of his time and place; I of mine. Do we have anything in common?

Well, my grandfather and I both packed up our families and made aliya to Jerusalem, be it 105 years apart. While our styles and expressions of Judaism are as different as night and day, we were both motivated by a strong connection to the Jewish people.

For me, the ulpan I attended in Israel at 15 was a watershed, socially, emotionally and in my development as a lover of Zion. We lived three in a room, in a large stone building (around inner courtyards!) in the Meir Shefeya Youth Village, south of Haifa.

The Israeli pupils at the village—many of them immigrants themselves from Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey, were fascinated with us and we with them. I got my first kiss that summer and my first taste of espresso and of close dancing. I also met my best friend, who was to remain a close friend for more than a decade, and a group of 36 kids with whom I was to spend the next year, feeling righteously alienated from what I saw as materialistic, meaningless Western life.

We picked grapes, lay in the sun and partied; took intensive Hebrew classes and innumerable trips to every corner of the country—from Metulla to Eilat and the ruins of Beit Shean to the chic Dizengoff Center, from the top of Masada to the spring where General Gideon tested his men for battle. We learned Hebrew

songs and danced Israeli dances with the locals. Was it any wonder that I fell in love with Israel?

We had long discussions after we returned home. What was the right thing to do? Live in Israel and make our contribution there or stay in America and do our piece to strengthen the American Jewish community? At 15 and 16, most of us thought in terms of right and wrong. But I can still hear my friend's voice saying, "We should live wherever we're happiest."

In the end, 28 years on, I moved to Israel not because I felt I should but because I wanted to. I wanted to live in a place where I felt connected with the woman crossing the street; where I feel connected to my history; where the boundaries between friends, between family members, even between neighbors are less firmly drawn; and where people are more a part of each other's lives.

I don't know how you'd feel, grandfather, about your left-leaning, feminist but still very Jewish granddaughter. But I've come back. I've drawn one more loop in the spiral of exile and return.

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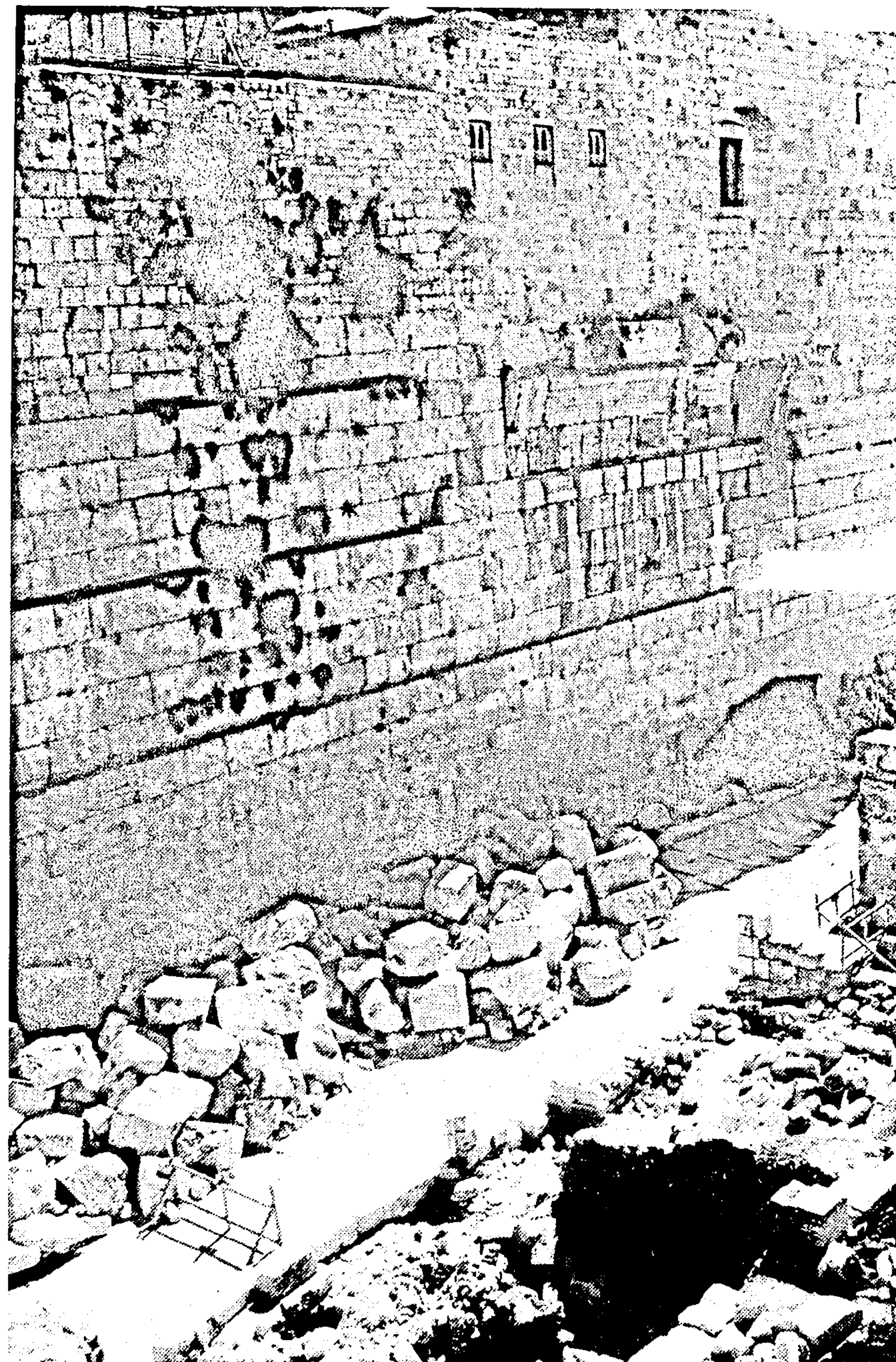
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*The City of David excavations, located slightly south of Mount Moriah—the Temple Mount—near the pool of Silwan.*

WZPS photo by Sammy Avnisan.



# The Undiscovered Palace o

by Eilat Mazar

The siege of Jerusalem began 3,000 years ago when King David stormed the city, at the time the stronghold of the Jebusite, a small Canaanite tribe. But to this day, no one knows exactly where the “City of David” stood.

Until the end of the 19th century, it was believed to be Mount Zion, the hill situated to the west of the city. Excavations conducted after the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967 determined that the City of David was located slightly south of Mount Moriah—the Temple Mount—near the pool of Silwan.

In the following article, Eilat Mazar, who recently completed the final report on the Temple Mount excavations conducted by her grandfather, Benjamin Mazar, from 1968-1977, and who herself directed excavations of the Ophel (the area between the City of David and the Temple Mount) in Jerusalem, discusses the location of King David’s palace.



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Stone Structure was built up over a steep slope descending to the Kidron Valley. It served as the vast foundation for an impressive artificial platform that added a level area of about 2,000 square feet at the top of the hill. It is probably on this level area that the Canaanite/Jebusite citadel, called the Fortress of Zion (Metsudat Zion; 2 Samuel 5:7, 9), was built.

The foundation of the Stepped-Stone Structure consisted of a complex system of skeleton walls that once ran along and across the slope, forming "boxes" that were then filled with stones. This created a massive and imposing fill structure. Kathleen Kenyon, the British archaeologist who dug in this area of the City of David in the 1960s, suggested that the fill structure should be identified with the millo mentioned in the Bible.

I think Kenyon was probably right. The link between the millo and the fill structure known as the Stepped-Stone Structure, is very appealing, not only because of the name "millo" (i.e. "filling") but also because of the location, which accords well with the Bible's description of the millo's strategic importance to the City of David. Note, for example, how important the millo was to Hezekiah's defense of the city during Sennacherib's siege in the late eighth century B.C.E. (2 Chronicles 32:5). From the reign of King Solomon onwards, the kings of Jerusalem had to rebuild and reinforce the millo as a complex architectural unit of prime strategic importance (1 Kings 9:15, 24).

With this background, let us see if we can determine where King David's palace might be located.

Unlike his son Solomon, David was not a great builder. He was too taken up with wars and political affairs to concentrate on building projects. Nor did he have the architectural expertise for carrying out royal building projects.

**T**he only royal building the Bible mentions as having been constructed in Jerusalem during his reign is his palace. But this was built for David by Hiram, King of Tyre (2 Samuel 5:11; 1 Chronicles 14:1). This gesture of the Israelite monarch and his Phoenician counterpart as well as recognition of the newly acquired importance of the kingdom of Israel and its new capital in Jerusalem. But Hiram's gift also reflects David's seeming inability to build a palace himself. Hiram sent not only cedar logs but also carpenters and stonemasons, doubtless because of their scarcity in the new Israelite capital. David resided in the Fortress of Zion, the old Canaanite/Jebusite capital, until his palace was built.

After David captures Jerusalem, Israel's perennial enemy, the Philistines, could no longer restrain themselves. At this point, we need to look very carefully at the Biblical text: "When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel,

the Philistines marched up in search of David, but David heard of it and *he went down* to the citadel. The Philistines came and spread out over the Valley of Rephaim" (2 Samuel 5:17-18).

David ultimately prevailed, but that is not our concern here. That the battle

occurred at the Valley of Rephaim near Jerusalem indicates that David was already based in Jerusalem at this time. (During the first seven years of his reign, he ruled from Hebron.) When David heard that the Philistines were *coming up* to wage war against him, he *went down* to the citadel, that is, to the building on top of the Stepped-Stone Structure. Based on the topography of the site, it would appear that he heard the news of the Philistine advance from a point higher up than the citadel; thus his palace must have been north of the citadel.

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**I**ncidentally, there is no reason to doubt the accuracy of the Biblical description; the Bible is quite careful in its use of going up and going down. For example, upon hearing of the death of his rebellious son Absalom, David “*went up* to the chamber over the gate, and wept” (2 Samuel 18:33).

The obvious implication of this passage is that David was already living in his new palace when news arrived of the Philistines’ hostile approach. The palace was probably not fortified strongly enough to withstand a direct attack, so the king preferred to barricade himself inside the citadel until the situation improved.

Since the Canaanite/Jebusite citadel had been deliberately built on the city’s northern border, adjacent to the narrowest width of the ridge, David’s new palace must have been constructed both to the north of the citadel and outside the city’s fortified boundaries.

At first glance, this may seem illogical. Wouldn’t the king’s palace be built in the most defensible place *within* the city walls?

The problem was that the small nine-acre site that was Canaanite/Jebusite Jerusalem had already been built up; there was no room for him to build a palace inside the walls. When David conquered the city, it had already been inhabited for more than 2000 years, and it had been surrounded by a city wall for nearly 1000 years. Moreover, Jebusites continued to live in the city after David’s conquest, with overcrowding in the city becoming even worse as hundreds of David’s followers settled there.

Kathleen Kenyon also noted this problem, although she did not locate David’s palace to the north of the citadel as seems to be required by the Biblical text. Instead, she suggested, his palace must have been very small: “David must have cleared a space within the Jebusite town, but the size of his residence is unlikely to have been great, for anything grandiose would have taken too much space within the restricted area of the Jebusite-Davidic city.”

It is much more likely, I believe, that David decided to

build his new palace outside the city walls. If so, he would probably have chosen a site adjoining the citadel to the north.

King Solomon, David’s successor, built a new acropolis further to the north, on the Temple Mount. During the years following, the acropolis developed and was extended southward to the northern Ophel. The northern acropolis’ complex of royal buildings was called the “upper house of the king,” (Nehemiah 3:25), implying that there must have been a “lower house of the king”, which was probably the old acropolis to the south, in the City of David, which preserved its sacred and royal charter (see 2 Chronicles 8:11).

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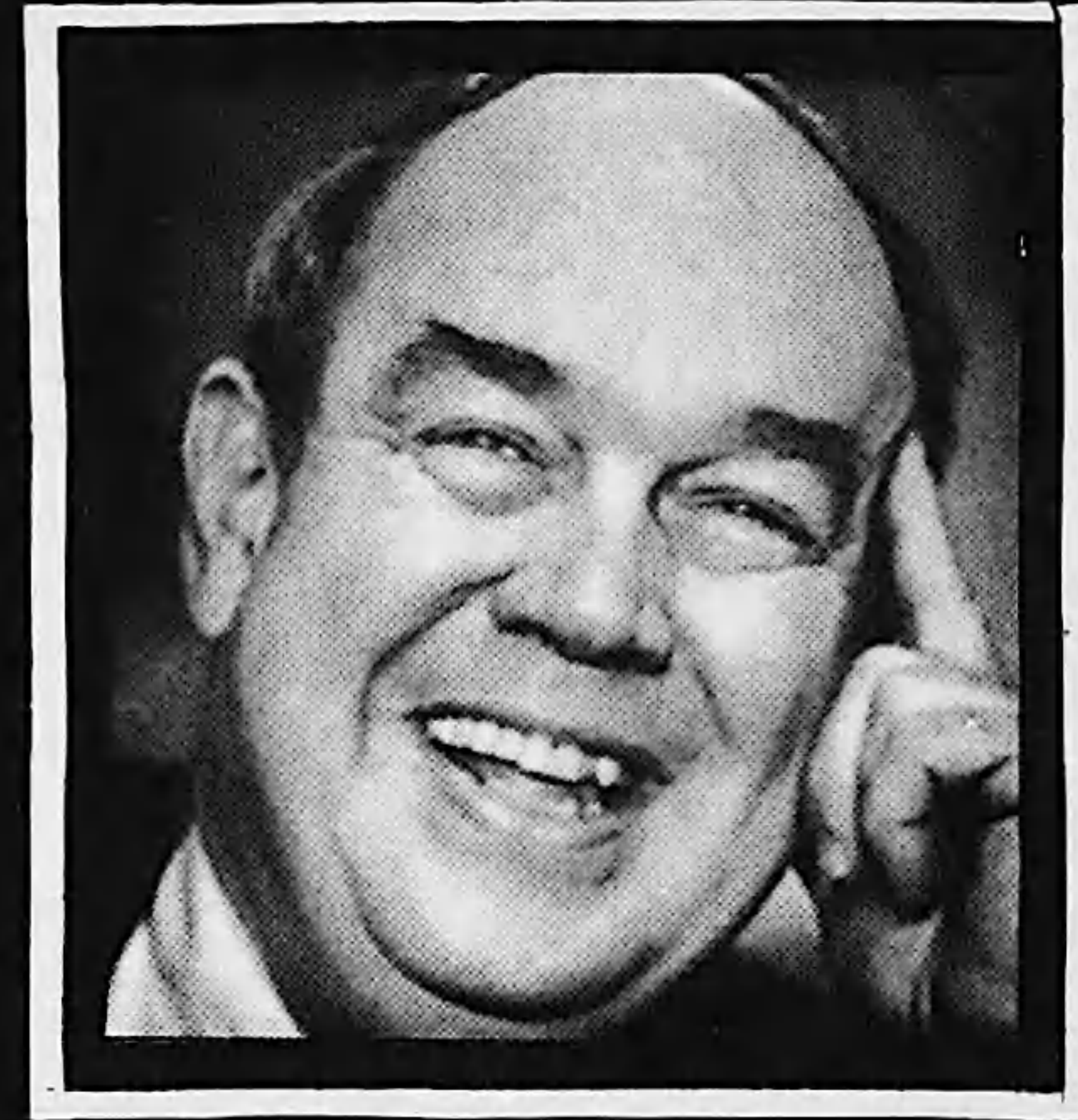
In 1962, Kenyon excavated immediately north of the Stepped-Stone Structure, at the eastern foot of the area where I have placed David’s palace, and concluded that during the period of

monarchic Jerusalem, a building of some considerable pretensions stood on top of the scarp. Kenyon also found additional evidence of royal architecture: casement walls, built, she believed, by King Solomon in order to protect the acropolis. In my opinion, they are actually the remains of small palace rooms that originally enclosed a courtyard. Kenyon believed she had stumbled upon the corner of King David’s palace. Unfortunately, our dating techniques are not yet so refined that we can easily distinguish between the Solomonic period and the Davidic period in Jerusalem.

When Kenyon sought to excavate this area in the 1960s, she encountered insurmountable barriers. Much of the area was occupied by orchards and gardens, making excavation very costly. Accordingly, she confined herself to a very narrow trench—only three meters wide and extending across the summit. Today, the land is available for excavation, which is very exciting. Who will heed the call to find King David’s palace?



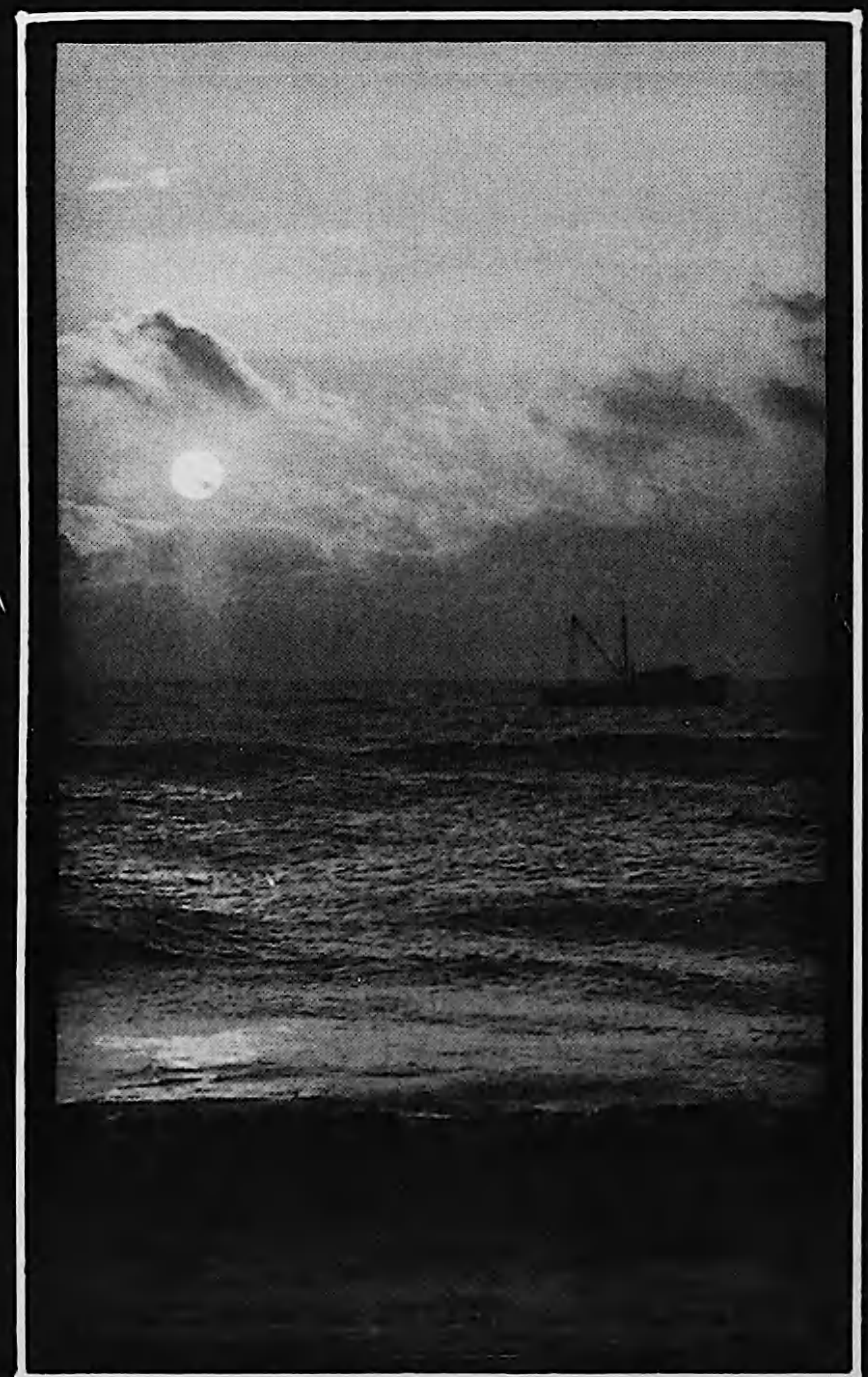
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# BOOKS

## Dancing with God: Everyday Steps to Jewish Spiritual Renewal

Rabbi Wayne Dosick

HarperSanFrancisco 273 pp. \$22.00

Reviewed by Estelle Hoffman

There has always been a search for meaning in life, in the scheme of things, since earliest humanity. Religion has tried to furnish answers and to satisfy the hunger for spiritual fulfillment.

Rabbi Wayne Dosick offers guidance in *Dancing with God*. His thesis is that we are entering a new era in Judaism, the third. First was the era of biblical Judaism, followed by rabbinic Judaism after the Temple's destruction. "That is no longer enough for most of us. . .," he says. "Its insistence on the primacy of the law no longer speaks to our spirituality questing hearts and souls."

The new era is Neshamah, or Soul Judaism. The movement inspired by Rabbi Schachter-Shalomi and Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach is the foundation of this Third Era of Judaism. It claims to embrace the best of all recognized branches of Judaism, manifested by Chavurot, Minyanim, CAJE (Coalition for Alternatives in Jewish Education), and in the works of some writers. The goal is a return to one-to-one relationship between each individual and God.

Rabbi Dosick stresses the importance of community and the diversity of modern

society. Neshamah Judaism is to be found outside of the synagogue, he believes, in smaller groups which practice prayer, meditation, music and storytelling, leading to a deep connection, in his words, to other members of Judaism's faith community.

This book is an actual guide through words, music and action towards an enriched Jewish life. Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi is widely known, and Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach was popular for his celebration of biblical Judaism in song and dance, so that those acquainted with them will have some suggestion of

what Rabbi Dosick proposes in *Dancing with God*. He is author of previous books including *Living Judaism*, *Golden Rules*, and *The Business Bible*, and he is Adjunct Professor of Jewish Studies at the University of San Diego. He is past President of that city's Rabbinical Association, creator of The Video Synagogue and past host of God Talk on radio.

Rabbi Dosick credits us American Jews with our achievements, but he laments the failure of satisfying the hunger for a relationship with the Divine, and a joyful response to that need in *Dancing with God*.



## The Journey Home: Jewish Women and the American Century

by Joyce Antler

*The Free Press* 410 pp. \$27.50

As the century draws to a close, Jewish women are journeying home—rediscovering their cultural and religious ties to the past. *The Journey Home*, by Joyce Antler, links the story of their odyssey to a century of Jewish women's hard-fought accomplishments.

Marginalized or ignored in historical accounts or caricatured as Jewish mothers or princesses in the popular press, Jewish women have been in the leadership of every significant social and cultural movement of our era. Anarchists and Zionists, "sob sister" writers and pioneering modernists, rabbis, rebels, and even a Supreme Court justice, they boldly shaped the course of American history. *The Journey Home* is the first book to fully chronicle their achievements.

The search for a richer, firmer sense of identity lies at the heart of their activism and links these women to a larger tradition. Destined to be outsiders not only in American society—as Jews—but also in their own male-dominated communities, they responded in different ways to the challenge of integrating their tripartite identities as Jews, Americans, and women.

Some, like Emma Lazarus and Henrietta Szold, equated traditional Jewish values with American democratic ideals; others, like Mary Antin, shrugged off or repudiated their ethnic identity. "Red Hot Mama" Sophie Tucker took a different course. Though she had fallen away from Judaism, Tucker became the president of the controversial vaudeville workers' union, modeling herself after her own "Yiddishe Mama's" Jewish charity work.

Each of the dozens of women described in this engrossing book grappled with the necessity of throwing off a part of

herself in order to achieve acceptance and establish her independence. For most, affirming Jewish identity was a life process, allowing them to reinvent and recreate themselves over many years. In so doing, they made major, if little known, contributions to Zionism, anti-fascist rescue work, and religious life. As American pioneers, they influenced twentieth century popular culture, radical politics, and the feminist movement in vital ways.

Assisted by the development of a newly assertive Jewish feminism spanning all denominations of Judaism, today a multiplicity of women are

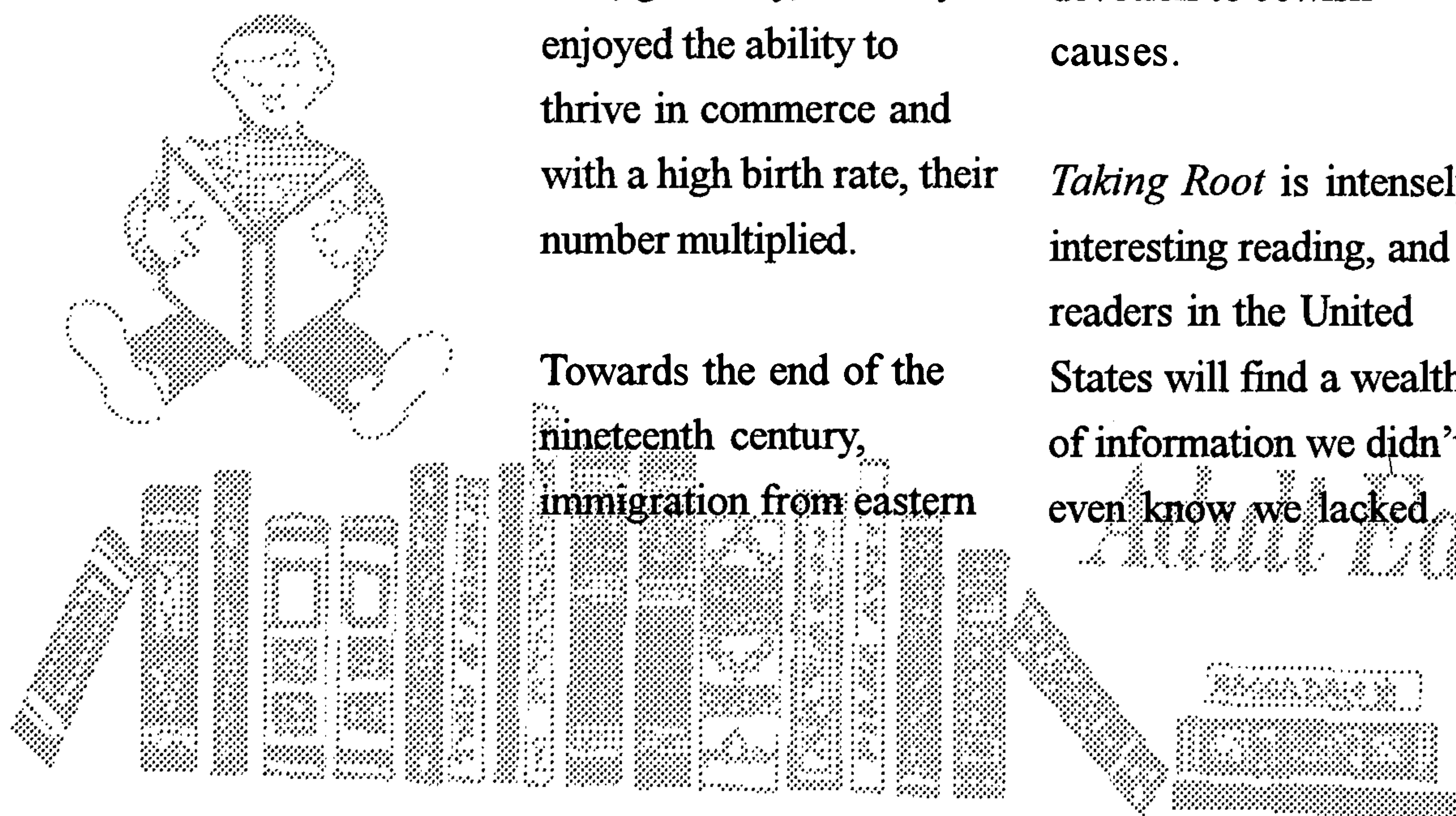




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speaking out not only as feminist, but as Jews. Vitally engaged in the project of remembering, they are assuring the survival of Jewish identity into the next century and promising to shape the future as they have the past.

Joyce Antler is professor of American Studies and Chair of the Department of American Studies at Brandeis University. Professor Antler is the author of, among other works, *Lucy Sprague Mitchell: The Making of a Modern Woman*, and the editor of, *America and I: Short Stories of American Jewish Women Writers*. She lives with her family in Brookline, Massachusetts.



## Taking Root: The Origins of the Canadian Jewish Community

by Gerald Tulchinsky

Stoddart Publishing Co. 341 pp. \$24.95  
paperback

This interesting history of Jews in Canada compares the Canadian Jewish experience with that of Jews in the United States.

The first tiny congregation of Jews in Canada met in Montreal in 1768, having come from New Amsterdam, south of the border. The history continues until the end of World War I.

Until recently, approximately one-half of Canada's Jewish community lived in the French province. Despite anti-Semitism, Jews fared well, generally, and they enjoyed the ability to thrive in commerce and with a high birth rate, their number multiplied.

Towards the end of the nineteenth century, immigration from eastern

Europe swelled, changing the character of the Jewish community in Canada. Previously Sephardic, the influx of the newcomers brought an Ashkenazic influence. Gradually, Jews moved westward.

In 1847, Abraham de Sola arrived in Montreal. His leadership and influence restored learning and meaning to the Jewish community in Canada. He came from a rabbinical family in London, and was concerned with revitalizing the educational activities, as well as the devotion to Jewish causes.

*Taking Root* is intensely interesting reading, and readers in the United States will find a wealth of information we didn't even know we lacked.



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These children are “betrayed,” says John Donohue, director of the UNICEF Regional Office for Central and Eastern Europe. Earlier this month, Donohue’s office released a 170-page report entitled, “Children At Risk in Central and Eastern

Europe: Perils and Promises.”

The report details how poverty, poor nutrition, alcoholism, increasing violence, premature death, and the dismantling of the welfare state are taking their toll. For example, in Russia, more than 60% of families with children under the age of seven are living in poverty. The report cites an unprecedented increase in the premature deaths of working-age men and women in the former Soviet Union. An

estimated 700,000 children and teenagers have lost a parent in the years 1990-1995. The breakdown of old social constraints has fostered a dramatic increase of divorce, teenage pregnancy, drug abuse, child prostitution, and juvenile crime. Instead of families “pulling together in times of economic crisis,” notes the report, “the huge pressure of the transition appears to be splitting families apart and eroding parental responsibility.”

In light of this report, on May 15 the European Parliament urged the European Union to channel more funds towards orphans and others in the former Communist Bloc. Mr. Donohue emphasizes the urgency of the situation: “Numerous difficulties have stood in the way of major improvements in institutional care or a shift to more humane options for children without parental care.” The “sub-human conditions” in children’s homes show no signs of disappearing soon, he adds; and “there has been little change in attitudes,

and too many children are still being abandoned to state care.” Jewish children in state-run homes face the additional problem of spiritual threats. Because the understaffed and underfunded orphanages gratefully



welcome any foreign visitors or potential donors, American and European missionaries visit the orphanages, shower the children with toys and candy, and encourage them—especially the Jewish ones—to convert to Christianity.

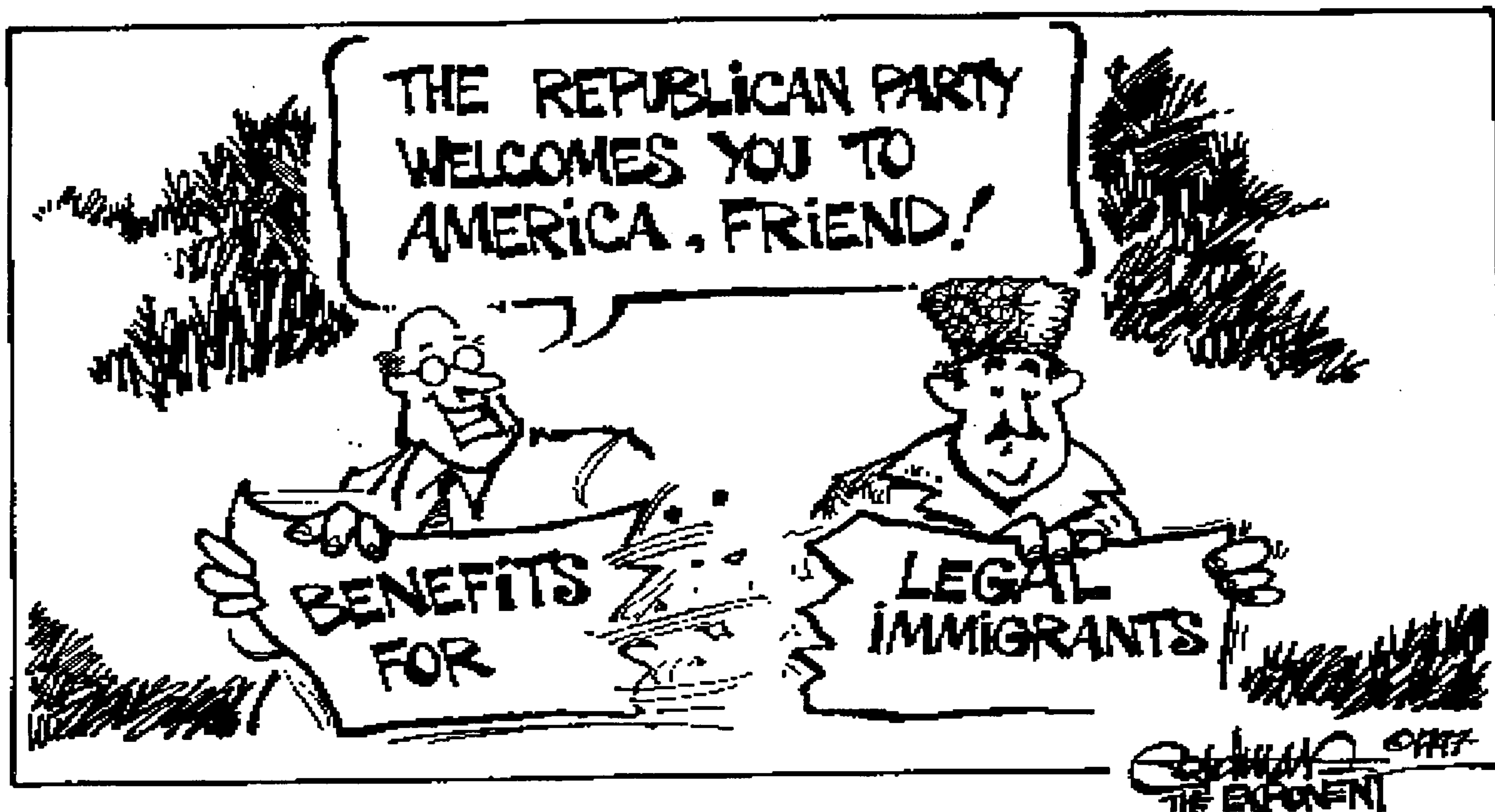
Rabbi Benjamin Brackman, director of Tzivos Hashem in the C.I.S., notes the timeliness of these two new orphanages. “The need for a Jewish facility for these children has never been greater,” he says, “and every day the situation gets worse—we must get them off the streets and out of the state-run homes.” The new boys’ home is housed in the former synagogue of Rabbi Levi Yitzchok Schneerson, father of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. The old Communist government had appropriated the synagogue, gutted it, and converted it into offices. Now the Ukrainian government has returned the synagogue to the Dnepropetrovsk Jewish community, and the building has been fully renovated. The girls’ home is situated in a converted mansion, whose owner decided



that such a palatial home would draw anti-Semitic attention to himself and therefore would be better off as a children's home.

These two homes will join the array of Jewish institutions—both religious and social—in Dnepropetrovsk. This southern Ukrainian city of 1.2 million, including 100,000 Jews, has become a model of accomplishments for other Jewish communities in the former Soviet Union. Dnepropetrovsk now contains the

largest Jewish day school in Eastern Europe (with over 800 pupils), a yeshiva, a teachers' seminary, synagogues, soup kitchens, summer and Passover camps, a children's activity center, and the Eastern European headquarters of Tzivos Hashem. This extraordinary Jewish renaissance owes itself to the funding of the organization of Ohr Avner, and to the outstanding leadership of Chief Rabbi Shmuel Kamenetsky, one of the many representatives sent to the former Soviet Union by the Lubavitcher Rebbe.



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to enhance Catholic-Jewish  
relations. Following are excerpts  
from his acceptance speech:***

I want to read you two little things, neither will take long. The first is a letter addressed to a rabbi at Cornell Hospital, and the second to a rabbi at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Hospital. The letters are identical. They're signed by the same person, one of the pastors of one of our Catholic parishes.

"An unpleasant incident took place on Sunday, April 13, near the First Avenue entrance of the Church of St. John the Evangelist. A mother and daughter made use of the lavatory at the entrance of the Church prior to our 5:30 PM Mass. A member of my parish, a Catholic, asked if the mother was from St. John's. When told that she was Jewish, this man uttered a litany of the vilest and most reprehensible anti-Semitic invectives. A distinguished member of our parish expressed an immediate apology to the distraught mother and learned that mother and daughter were on their way to the hospital to visit husband and father, respectively.

I'm writing to you, Rabbi, to ask you, if possible, to attempt to ascertain the name of a patient, perhaps from the area of the East Fifties, whose wife may have been the object of this outrageous behavior. I feel conscience-bound to do everything possible to express my personal apology for this incident. This may be like looking for a needle in a haystack, but all the same, it will be worth the effort if success is achieved. Many thanks. Sincerely, Reverend Monsignor Michael J. Wren, Pastor."

I read you that as a reminder, if indeed a reminder is needed, that our work is far from finished. God knows how many who have called themselves Catholic would utter a litany of the vilest and most reprehensible anti-Semitic invectives. Infinitely fewer, infinitely fewer than before the Anti-Defamation League came into being. Infinitely fewer than before *Nostra Aetate*. But one is infinitely too many. As long as there is one, then



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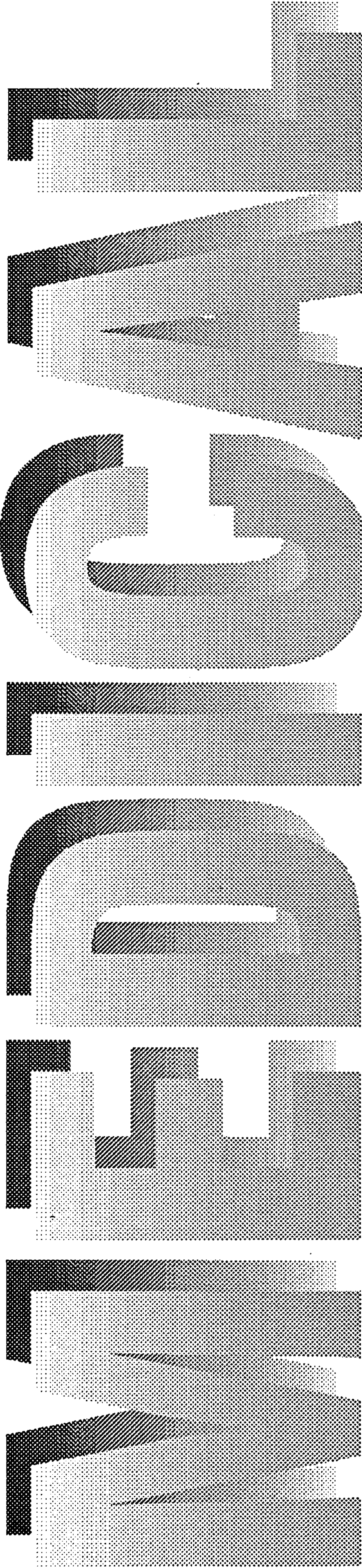
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# Non-Invasive Method For Diagnosing Cancer Developed at the Weizmann Institute

REHOVOT, Israel, July 3, 1997. . . A non-invasive method for distinguishing between different types of tumors, such as malignant and benign, has been developed by Prof. Hadassa Degani of the Weizmann Institute of Science. The approach may also help predict the prognosis of cancer and monitor the effectiveness of therapy.

In a study reported in the July issue of *Nature Medicine*, Prof. Degani and colleagues showed how the method can be successfully employed to diagnose tumors of the breast.

The method consists of injecting a contrast-enhancing dye-like material into the patient's bloodstream and using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to monitor the way in which this material is taken up and cleared out by the tumor tissue. Because the uptake and clearance differ for malignant and benign tumors, such monitoring makes it possible to make a diagnosis: an image of the tumor shows up on a computer screen in different colors that reflect the distribution of



the contrast material, and the color patterns for malignant and benign growths are strikingly different.

“Our approach has the potential to reduce the number of biopsies performed to diagnose tumors,” says Prof. Degani, a member of the Weizmann Institute’s Biological Regulation Department. “Most breast tumors detected by mammography are revealed to be benign on biopsy, so that a noninvasive approach like MRI could help reduce the rate of unnecessary procedures.”

“We have demonstrated that our approach works, but it now needs to be tested and evaluated in a large-scale trial before it can be widely applied in clinical practice,” Prof. Degani says.

Apart from diagnosis, Degani’s new method of contrast-enhanced MRI could also give a cancer prognosis because it provides information about the tiny blood vessels that feed the tumor. These vessels enable the cancer to grow and spread, and their density and ability to deliver materials to the tumor may make it possible to determine the tumor’s potential aggressiveness.

Monitoring the blood vessels and the spaces between cells may also help evaluate the effectiveness of therapy: a reduction in the density of the vessels and an increase in the intercellular spaces may suggest that therapy is being successful.

In addition, if the cost of MRI continues to decline, in the future the new approach may be considered for mass screening as well.

Prof. Degani’s team was made up of her doctoral students at the Weizmann Institute as well as radiologists from the Hebrew University-

Hadassa Medical Center in Jerusalem and the Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot.

#### **High resolution reveals tumor properties**

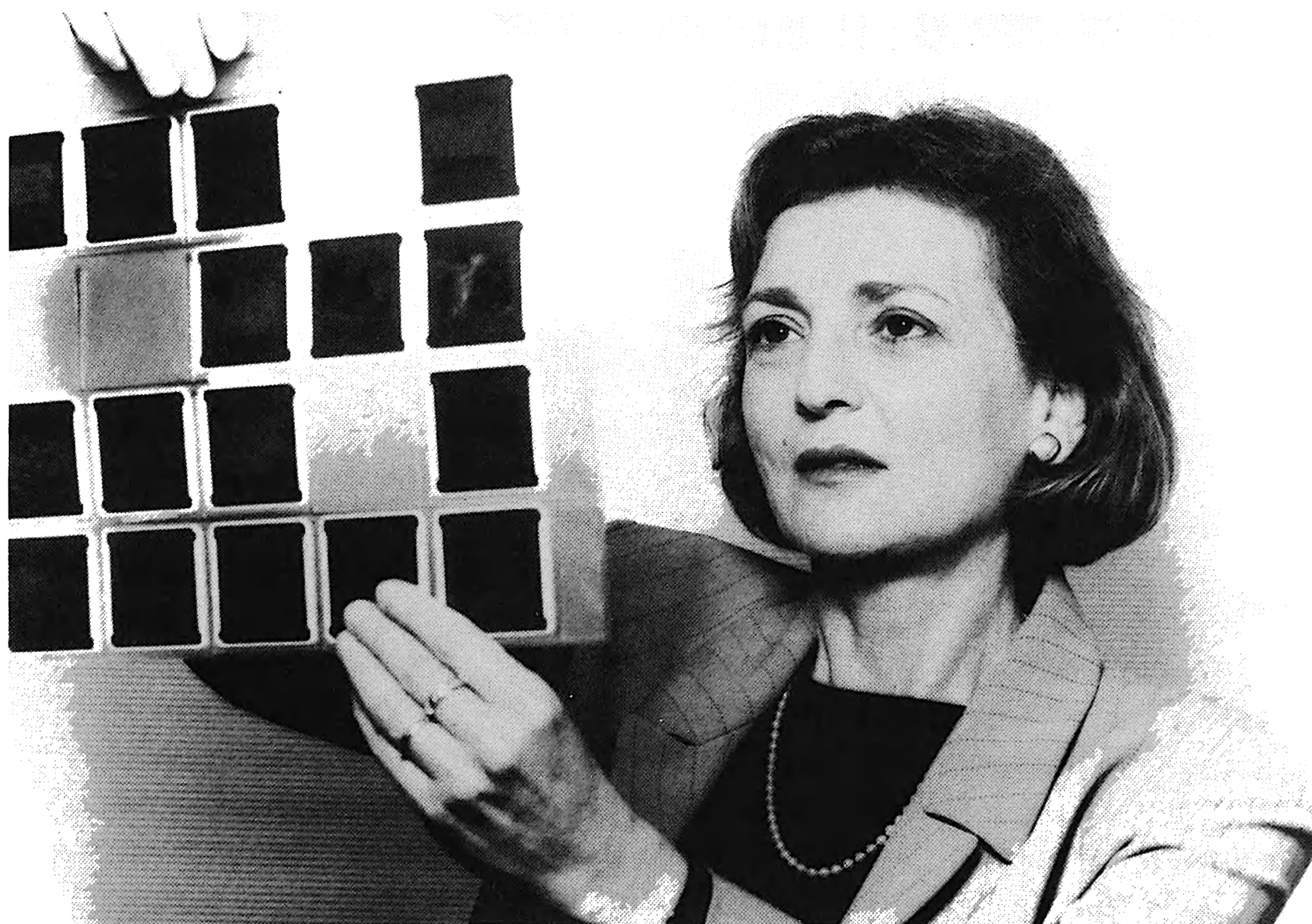
In magnetic resonance imaging, an image of an organ is obtained by recording signals emanating from the nuclei of atoms, such as hydrogen atoms, that make up the water in the tissues. Adding a contrast material enhances the signals somewhat, but in general the signals are too weak to produce a resolution comparable to that obtained under a microscope.

In Degani’s method,

however, the resolution is very high because the water tissue signals, enhanced by the contrast material, are recorded over an extended period; about 2 to 4 minutes instead of the usual several seconds.

The approach is referred to as the The Three Point method, or 3TP, because imaging of the breast is performed three times: before the contrast material is injected and twice afterwards, at intervals of several minutes.

The images reveal how the contrast material enters the tumor, moves inside it and clears out, as



*Prof. Hadassa Degani, Weizmann Institute of Science*



well as the pattern in which it is distributed throughout the tumor tissue. These processes are dependent on spaces between cells, on the presence of blood vessels and the extent to which these vessels leak out substances.

Benign and cancerous tumors may differ markedly in these properties. Inter-cellular spaces are larger in fibroadenoma, the most common type of benign breast tumor, and the blood vessels that feed these tumors are less leaky and fewer in number. As a result, contrast material tends to accumulate slowly in these benign growths, and washes out slowly. In contrast, in malignant tumors, this material tends to get in and out faster without accumulating.

In the 3TP method, these differences show up in color: red for areas of slow wash-out, green for steady levels and blue for fast wash-out.

In the study reported in the July *Nature Medicine*, Prof. Degani's team successfully showed the method's ability to obtain diagnosis of breast tumors in 18 women, eight of who had fibroadenomas and 10 had cancer. Fibroadenomas looked predominantly red, with patches of green, while

cancerous tumors had a great deal of blue. In addition, the colors in benign tumors were uniform and well defined, while in the cancerous growths the colors were distributed in chaotic, uneven patches.

The 3TP method is based on detailed studies of tissue physiology and disease processes, and its effectiveness was previously demonstrated in extensive laboratory and animal studies. Although it has so far been primarily tested in breast tumors, it is applicable to diagnosis of tumors in other parts of the body.

Prof. Degani's research on breast cancer using magnetic resonance imaging and spectroscopy has been supported by the National Cancer Institute, the National Institutes of Health, the Israel Academy of Sciences, the German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development and the Weizmann Institute's Canadian Women for Science.

The Weizmann Institute of Science, in Rehovot, Israel is one of the world's foremost centers of scientific research and graduate study. Its 2,400

scientists, students, technicians, and engineers pursue basic research in the quest for knowledge and the enhancement of the human condition. New ways of fighting disease and hunger, protecting the environment, and harnessing alternative sources of energy are high priorities.

Video footage: A B-roll on this research is available in Betacam

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**Q. WERE THERE OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS?**

A. Yes. Renovation of the existing facility, relocation of the nursing home, downsizing the current facility, developing partnerships/facilities with other providers are all options which have been carefully evaluated. The Board has decided that the only option which addresses the service needs of Jewish older adults in the Carolinas and the financial concerns mentioned above is the concept of establishing a foundation. I have underlined the word "Jewish" in order to emphasize the Board's conviction that a nursing home in Clemmons run by a quality organization will be extremely successful and viable because it could attract or be funded through other sources rather than relying, for the most part, on Jewish charities.

**Q. WHY NOT REDUCE THE CURRENT CENSUS BEFORE ANY TRANSITION MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AFFECTED?**

A. First of all, the Board wants you to know that it hopes and expects that any transition will have minimal effect, if any, on the daily activities of any resident or staff member. For your information, however, the facility would be too small to be a cost effective operation if the census were significantly reduced. Also, the issue of maintenance and what could be done with any unused space on the property would present some concerns. The Board's goal, in fact, is to keep census levels and employment levels at a maximum so that the possibility of selling the property and assets to only the best long term care organization remains strong.

**Q. SHOULD A RESIDENT OF THE BLUMENTHAL JEWISH HOME BE FEARFUL?**

A. Absolutely not. There is no reason for any resident to leave or worry about his/her care. The Board of Trustees has made the commitment that the Clemmons facility will always live up to people's expectations that it is one of the finest nursing care facilities in the area and is noted for quality care. The feasibility of selling the Clemmons facility will take time to investigate, study and evaluate. It is likely that there will not be any changes in operations of the Home in the near future, perhaps not for a year or more. The primary consideration during the investigative process will be continuing to provide quality care for Blumenthal residents. Continued quality of care as well as the provision of current programs, services and activities to Clemmons facility residents will be of prime importance in selecting a new provider. In the unlikely event that the Clemmons facility were to cease operating as a skilled nursing and assisted living facility, federal and state regulations require the Home to find a suitable placement for each resident before the current facility could be closed.

**Q. HAVE ANY NEGOTIATIONS TAKEN PLACE WITH POTENTIAL PURCHASERS?**

A. Although the Home has not had formal conversations with any prospective providers, the Board feels that it is important for our residents, families and staff members to be kept informed of the process. The Board intends to provide timely notification to each resident, family member and employee before any changes take place. Should an acceptable buyer appear and a sale seems likely, ample notice will be given and a meeting will

be scheduled. The Board will take all appropriate steps to minimize disruption for our residents, their families and our staff during the transition period. The continuation of care for existing residents and employment opportunities for the staff are of utmost importance.

**Q. WHAT WILL BE THE PURPOSE OF THE FOUNDATION?**

A. In addition to the foundation's responsibility of seeing that current residents of the Blumenthal Jewish Home receive care comparable to what they are now receiving, the new organization would develop and participate in providing new programs and activities to assist the Jewish elderly throughout North and South Carolina. Appropriate safeguards for the current residents of the Home would need to be developed if the Clemmons facility were to be sold as a going concern. There would have to be some type of agreement with the new owners that the facility would continue to provide quality care to the residents in addition to offering many of the current programs, activities and services now being provided, particularly those provided to the Jewish patients. In the early years of the foundation, a significant amount of the foundation's available resources may need to be devoted to continuing the care and services for those residents of the Home at the time ownership changes.

I hope this information helps clarify the Board's decision. As always, please feel free to contact me with any other questions you may have. I am in constant contact with all members of the Board, and I am always happy to relay your concerns to them.



You are Cordially Invited to Attend the next  
Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
of the Blumenthal Jewish Home

Tuesday, August 19, 2 PM

Fair Oaks, Lower Level,

Blumenthal Jewish Home, Clemmons, NC

The future of the Home will be discussed and Board members  
will be happy to answer your questions.

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We mourn the loss of:

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*Lottie and Henry Maienthau with their grandchildren, enjoy the  
sunshine and the Mayfest celebration in the courtyard.*



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# Sue's News

## Mayfest - A Celebration for All Ages

A traditional rite of spring at BJH has been the annual Mayfest celebration featuring all day activities held in the beautiful BJH courtyard. Eagerly anticipated by residents, staff, family and friends, this year's event was a celebration for all ages. By 10:00 a.m. on May 16th a cloudless sky and cool spring air promised a perfect day. Residents filled the courtyard wearing an assortment of hats to protect from the sun and sweaters and shawls to keep off the morning chill. A combination of sunshine and smiles soon warmed everyone's heart as the sounds of children's laughter filled the courtyard. Children from the Temple Emanuel Preschool and the Creative Day School, both in Winston-Salem, had arrived with great excitement, eager to share in the morning's festivities which were especially geared to our guests.

The fun filled morning featured entertainment to please all ages. The children were thrilled with magic and jokes performed by Smiley the Clown, music and dancing with Barney, balloon sculpting with Batman and face painting for the adventurous. Of course the highlight of the program for the residents was seeing the delight on the children's faces and watching their exuberant response to the entertainers. After treats of popcorn and soda for all attending it was time to say goodbye to young friends and to a school year of special intergenerational programs.

The BJH Mayfest Celebration continued to be enjoyed throughout the day by residents, staff and guests. The courtyard was the perfect setting for a beautiful afternoon concert presented by the Opus Five Woodwind Quintet of Winston-Salem. Elegant music, warm breezes and sparkling sunshine topped off by ice cream sundaes for all guaranteed a day worth celebrating.



*Irene Mendelson poses with Smiley the clown.*



*Helen Labell enjoys a popcorn break at the Mayfest.*



*Gillian Paige, (left) and Melissa and Benjamin Glock join in the dancing with Barney.*



*Barney entertains the young and young at heart crowd.*



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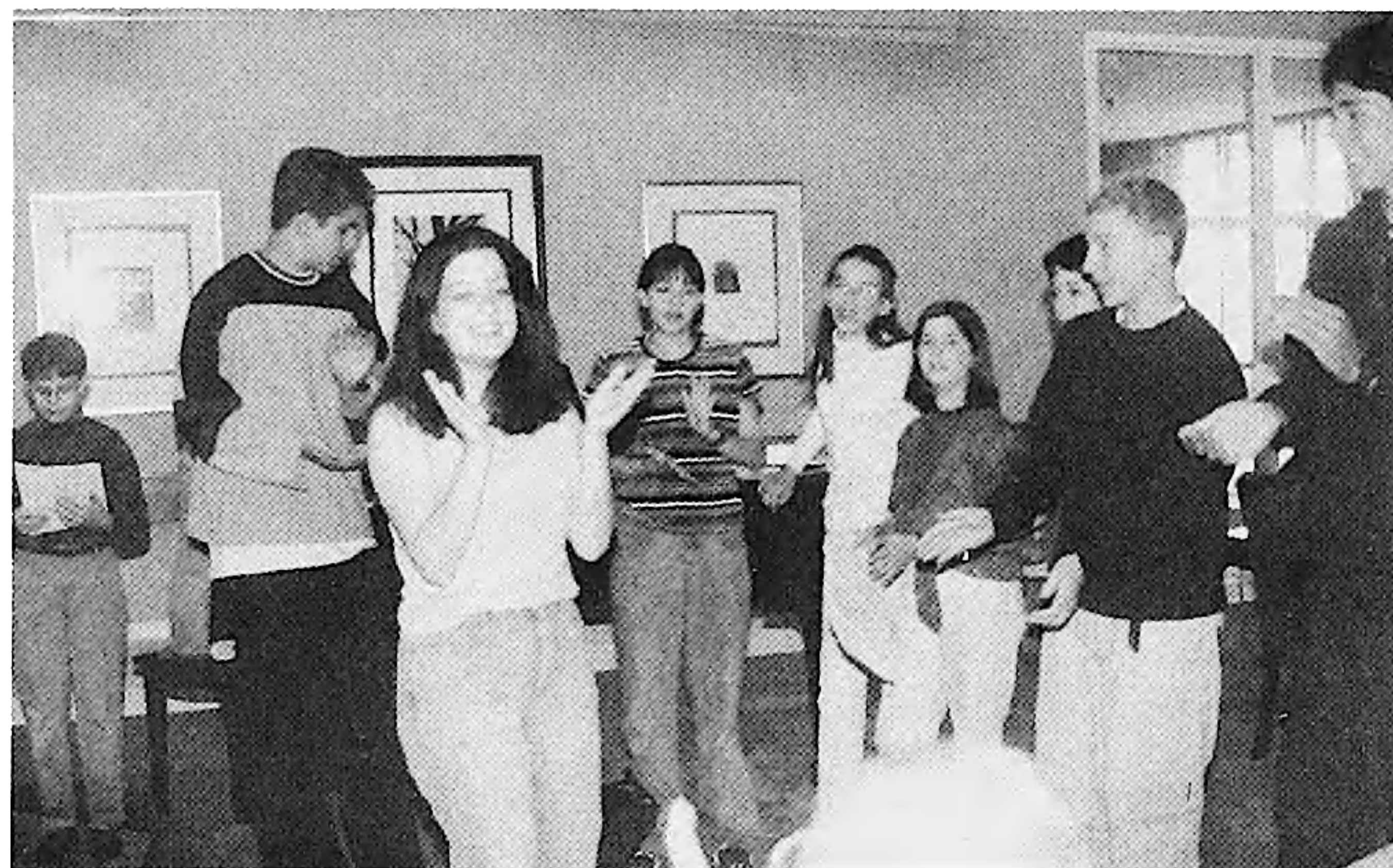
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# Signs of Spring

The United Synagogue Youth group from Charlotte, NC brought a touch of spring to BJH when they visited the Home on Sunday April 28th. The students arrived wearing bright smiles and bearing gifts of lovely flowering plants to present to the residents. Joined by Cantor Elias Roochvarg from Temple Israel in Charlotte and the USY advisor Marc Titlebaum, the youth visited residents throughout the Home and transported those who were able to attend a musical program in the Fair Oaks living room. Cantor Roochvarg led the group in a spirited musical program of Jewish, Hebrew and English songs. The USY students along with Marc Titlebaum and Cantor Roochvarg performed a splendid mitzvah on this sixth day of Passover; they brought the blossoms and warmth of spring into the Home and touched hearts with their music and friendship.

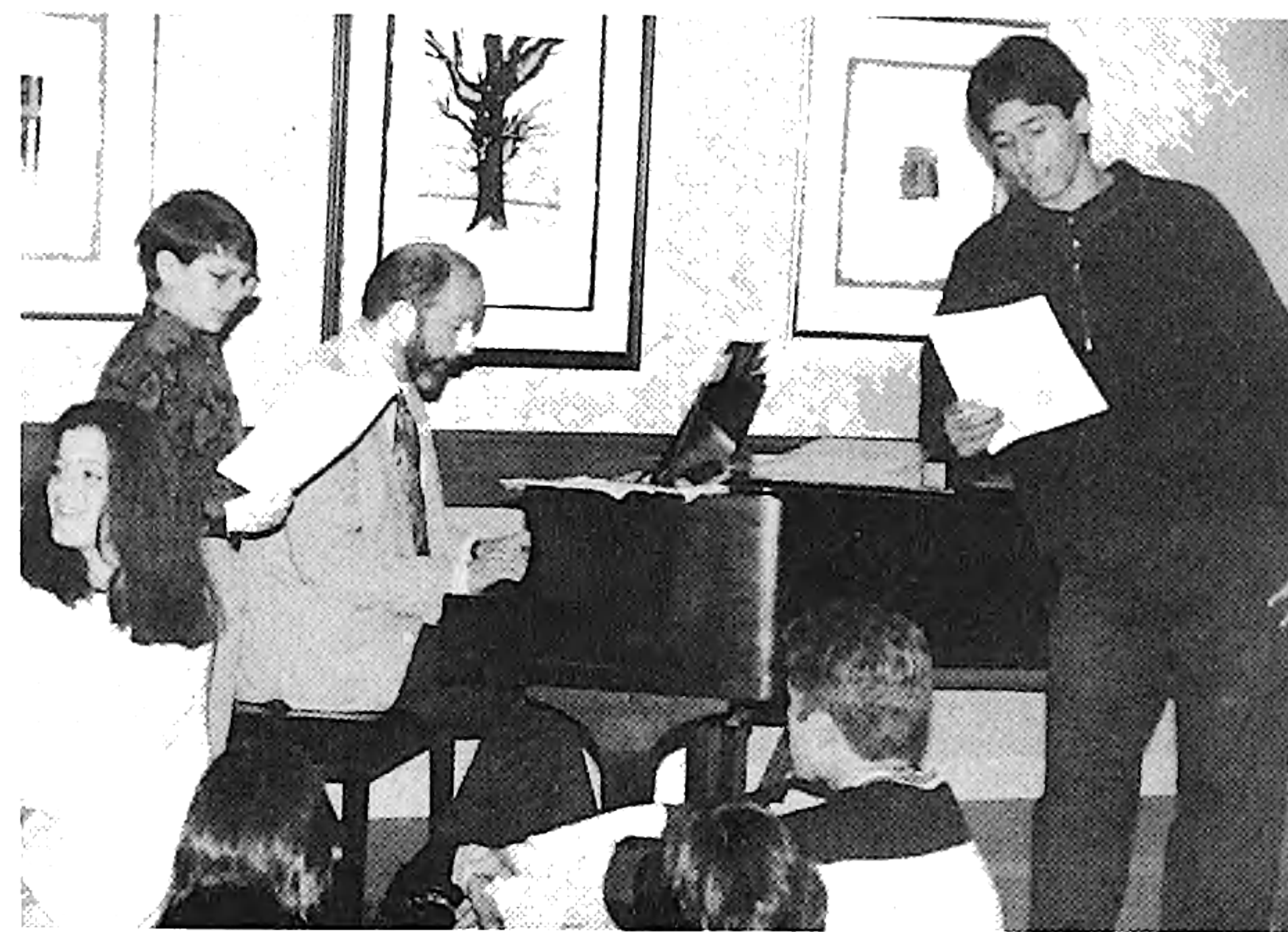


*Cantor Elias Roochvarg from Temple Israel in Charlotte and members of the USY group entertain residents with a spirited musicale for a Sunday afternoon.*

Lannie Miller, volunteer from Greensboro, had laughter, blossoms and balloons bursting into bloom when he arrived to entertain for the May Birthday Party. Always a favorite of the residents, Lannie turns everyday into a sunny spring day as his sense of humor and magical charm put a smile on every face and bring cheer to every heart.



*Lannie Miller, a Greensboro volunteer, entertains at the May birthday party.*

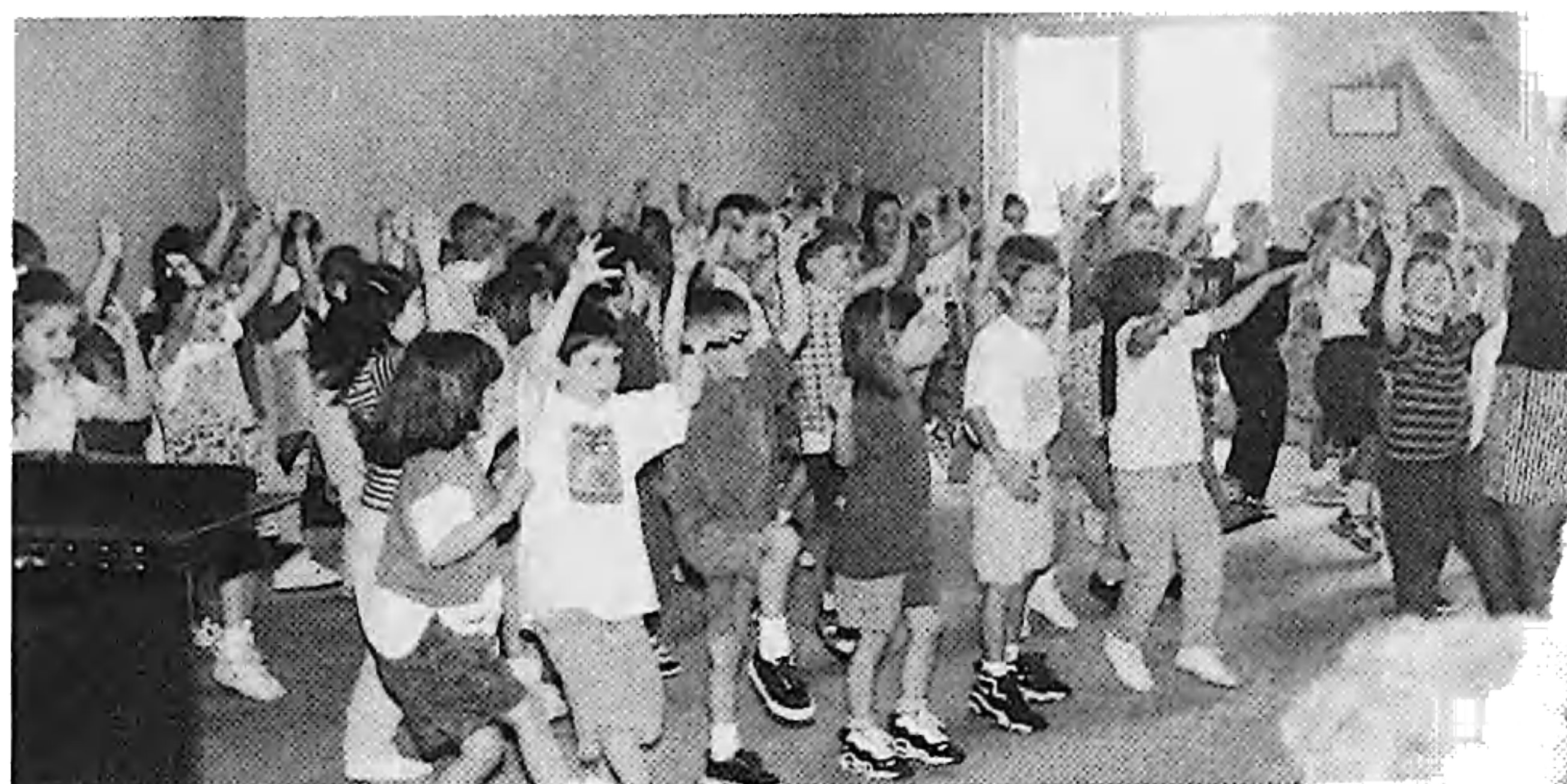


*Ending the year with a flair, members of the Anchor Club model the latest in spring fashions for their closing program at BJH.*

Spring fashions were the story of the day at the annual **Anchor Club Fashion Show**. This traditional rite of spring and the culmination of the club's volunteer year has become a spotlight event at BJH. From sport clothes to prom gowns to caps and gowns, fashions ran the gamut of the latest in youthful attire. Residents enjoyed the opportunity to stay up on the newest fashions for the 90's and to socialize with the students. It was a time to say goodbye to the students we have gotten to know over the past few years who are graduating and to meet the new members who will be joining us as volunteers when school starts in the fall.

## BJH BRIEFS





*Kindergarten students from Forsyth Country Day School fill the Commons with their joyful spirit for their annual visit to the Home.*



**Forsyth Country Day School Kindergarten** classes participated in a traditional rite of spring when they brought their joyful spirit to BJH on April 30. Lynn Pritchard, music teacher at the school, has developed this spring program by the students into a yearly event. A talented performance filled with singing, dancing, playing musical instruments and movement delighted the residents as did seeing the energy and excitement generated by the approximately 60 young performers.

### WELCOME

May you have a long, happy, healthy life.

**Helen Evans**  
Charlotte, N.C.  
**Ada Grimm**  
Kernersville, N.C.  
**Esther Wolpin**  
WoodHills, CA

**BJH**  
*Chai-lights Editor*  
**Sue Clein**

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the following staff members who celebrate anniversaries of employment in

### JULY

**21 years**

Lena Wall, Recreation

**15 years**

Penny Pierce, CNA

**11 years**

Sue Welch, RN

**9 years**

Ann Canter, LPN

**8 years**

Mel Rash, CNA

Lessie Smith, CNA

**6 years**

Tad McClamrock, Maintenance Director

**4 years**

Gail Litten, CNA

Anthony Watson, Dietary Aid

**2 years**

Anita Harrison, RN

Kathy Nathan, Director of Social Services

Debbie Sheek, Medical Records

**1 year**

Tanya Beckerdite, Social Service

Holly Hammel, Dietary Aid

### AUGUST

**20 years**

Marie Doty, Housekeeping

**18 years**

Jean Garland, CNA

**14 years**

Vikki Donley, Nursing Administration

**13 years**

Mary McLaurin, CNA

**12 years**

June Sealy, RN

Janet Sowers, Director of Computer Services

**10 years**

Jesse Clawson, Maintenance

**6 years**

Pam Snowden, LPN

**5 years**

Sally Terreni, Recreation

**4 year**

Lena Phelps, Housekeeping

**1 year**

Edith Sulzberg, Pharmacy



# Millie's Musings

## A Celebration for Our "Fitting" Volunteers

For 31 and 1/2 years the volunteers at the Blumenthal Jewish Home have helped to create a colorful, warm quilt that covers our residents with joy and friendship. On June 8th many segments of this quilt, represented by our volunteers, were gathered together, with their guests, for our Annual Appreciation Event, an event held for the past 11 years to honor and to thank all those who have made the pieces fit together.

During 1996-97, 110 individual volunteers gave over 5700 hours of time and loving care to the Home and the residents. We welcomed 26 new individual volunteers as well as many individuals who provide service through organizations. This year Temple Emanuel Sisterhood in Winston-Salem, the Clemmons Kiwanis Club, the West Forsyth High School Anchor Club and the Critter Cuddlers of the Humane Society sponsored many volunteers for the Home. In addition visiting groups of infants, preschoolers, school-age children, religious school classes, youth organizations, Synagogue and Temple youth groups, adults and entertainers were seen throughout the year visiting residents, bringing special programs and providing gifts and hugs for all the residents. They all strengthened the stitches holding the pieces of our quilt together.

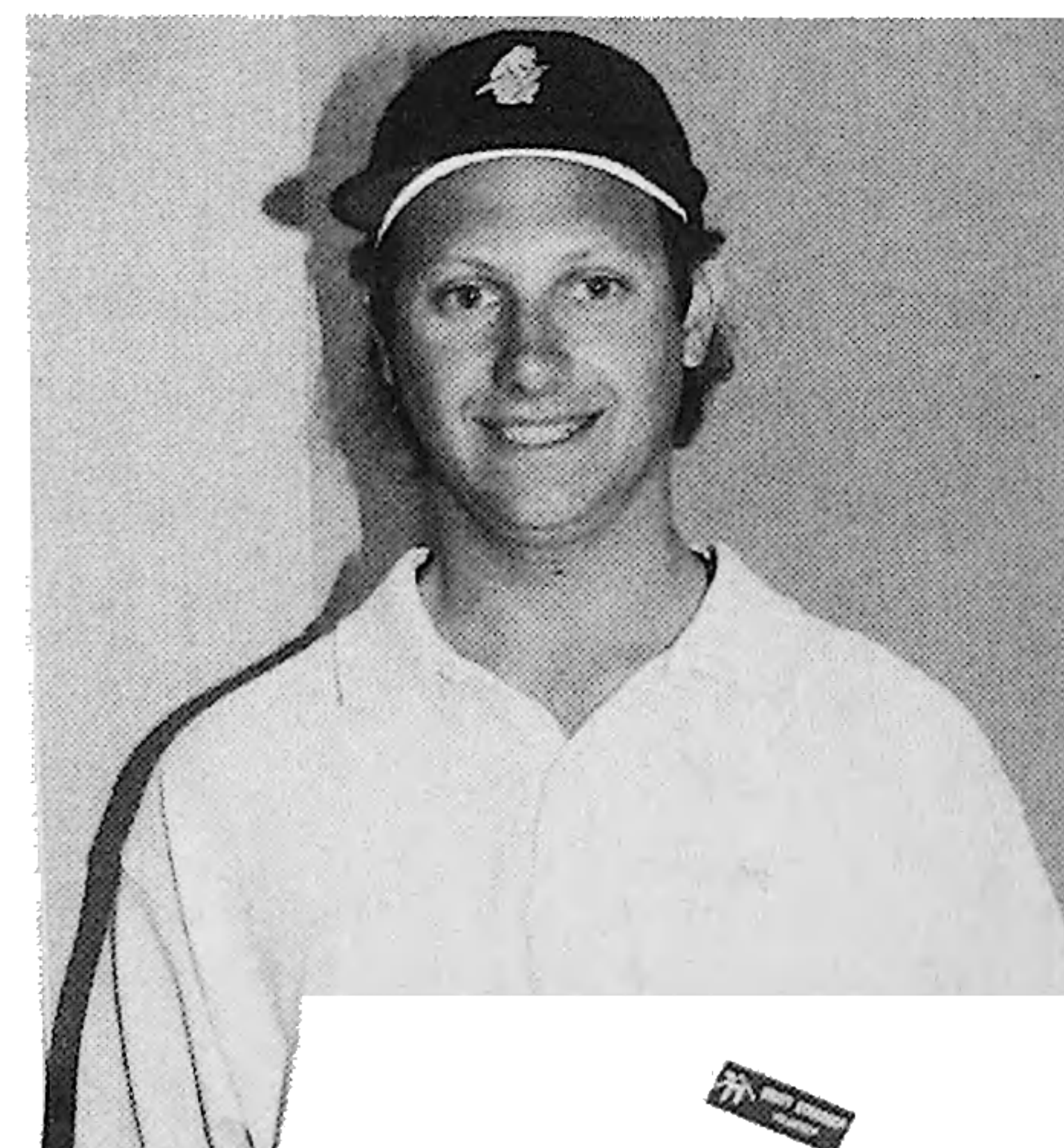
This year we have chosen all of the 110 plus individuals to be honored as our special volunteers. They have added brilliant hues to the everyday lives of our residents by their diverse talents and daily presence. They are the rabbis, the cantors, the ministers, the lay religious leaders, the singers, the piano players, the bingo callers, chess players, blackjack dealers, Gift Shop sales persons, the General Store staff, the Mall Shoppers, the Greensboro hosts and hostesses at birthday parties and luncheons, the Sisterhood Sweets volunteers, the cuddling critters, the discussion leaders, the gardeners, the librarians, the entertainers, the babies and mothers, the teenagers, and the visitors. They are everyone who has made a difference in the lives of the residents of the Blumenthal Jewish Home.

Many thanks to those who took part in the program at the Annual Volunteer Dinner and joined me in expressing appreciation to our volunteers; my thanks to Rabbi Marla Subeck of Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem, Al Herman, President Elect of the Board of Trustees, Elbert Levy, the first Executive Director of the Home, Dr. Andrew Ettin, BJH Religious Director, Seth Levy, Executive Director and Sue Clein, Director of Public Relations.

## Annual Appreciation Dinner Held



*Elbert Levy, Executive Director of the Home from 1965 to 1979 and presently serving as a volunteer, speaks at the Appreciation Dinner.*



*Greensboro volunteer Scott Strasser proudly sports his BJH name badge.*



*Volunteer Michele Sigal takes Blumies Gift Shop cart to the residents.*



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## Calendar Highlights July

1997

4. Independence Day Concert, with Dixie Land Band, Commons Auditorium, 2:00 p.m.
6. Sunday Sweets, with Sisterhood Temple Emanuel, Upper Commons, 2:30 p.m.
8. Leave for V.F.W. Senior Citizens Luncheon, Fair Oaks Lobby, 10:00 a.m.
8. Monthly Birthday Party, with Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
10. Mary Kay Beauty Class, with Christi Eley, Friendship Room, 2:00 p.m.
11. Outreach movie, with Public Library, Individual Units, 10:30 a.m.
13. Brenner Concert, with "Al Jolson", Commons Auditorium
15. Residents Council Meeting, B-1 Dining Room, 2:00 p. m.
17. Leave for Greensboro, Starmount Country Club, Fair Oaks Lobby, 10:30 a.m.
18. Leave for Hanes Mall, Winston-Salem, Fair Oaks Lobby 9:30 a.m.
20. Card Club, Upper Commons, 3:00 p.m.
25. General Store, Mansion Library, 10:00 a.m.
29. News and Views, with Leonard Clein, Friendship Room

## Calendar Highlights August

1997

1. Catholic Mass, with Holy Family, Friendship Room 10:00 a.m.
3. Sunday Sweets, with Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel, Upper Commons, 2:30
5. Monthly Birthday Party, with Greensboro Volunteers, Commons Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
8. General Store, Mansion Library, 10:00 a.m.
10. Brenner Concert, with Sherwood-Popular Songs, Commons Auditorium
12. Senior Citizens Luncheon, Fair Oaks Lobby, 10:00 a.m.
12. Residents Council Meeting, B-1 dining room, 2:00 p.m.
15. Leave for Winston-Salem shopping at Hanes Mall, Fair Oaks Lobby, 9:30 a.m.
17. Card Club, Upper Commons, 3:00 p.m.
21. Leave for Greensboro Starmount Country Club, Fair Oaks Lobby, 10:30 a.m.
22. Hawaiian Luau, Commons Auditorium, 2:30
26. News and Views, with Leonard Clein



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# TEMPLE NEWS

## Temple Beth haTephila Asheville NC

by Marjorie Schachter

**THE SATURDAY MORNING FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** wound up the season on May 10 with a far-ranging discussion, led by Allan Abrams, and a covered dish lunch which brought out the best of the attending cooks. At its usual meeting place, Leah and Morris Karen's, the group tackled the topic "Dealing with Difficult Texts."

Everyone had his own method of coping with these texts and not surprisingly there was little agreement on how to do it. **THE SISTERHOOD** held its annual Sisterhood Sabbath on May 9 in the sanctuary. There was an impressive parade of Sisterhood members across the bima, when they all read their parts according to plan. Brenda Abrams and Julie Lee, a recent Bas Mitzvah, read and chanted from the Torah, Barbara Pasternack sang the service, Lulla Shermis delivered the Dvar Torah, and the evening ended with a lavish Oneg provided by Sisterhood members. David Cohen's organ music and Rabbi Ratner's benign presence added significance to the proceedings. Shirley Rapoport coordinated the event.

**LUNCH WITH THE RABBI** on May 19, besides presenting an

opportunity to enjoy a brown-bag lunch with a few fellow-congregants was the occasion for a discussion, led by Rabbi Ratner, about The New York Times. Specifically, the focus was on an article entitled "Times Celebrates Centennial: Editors Debate Jewish Influence." Under the Rabbi's skillful guidance the paper's political stance and its influence on its readers were explored.

**IN THE NEWS** on May 15 was the Temple's distinguished member Dr. Sam Shermis. In a guest column, appearing at the top of page 7 of the May 15 Citizen-Times, was his analysis of the complaint expressed, as he says, "for several thousand years, probably as long as there have been schools," that "students have been unwilling to work, to study, to hand in assignments, to follow directions." His solution to this problem: "trying to figure out what students need, that is, what they need to reach their goals." So blindingly logical and simple that probably nothing will ever come of it.

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES** in both Hebrew and History taught by the Rabbi ended for the season on May 4.

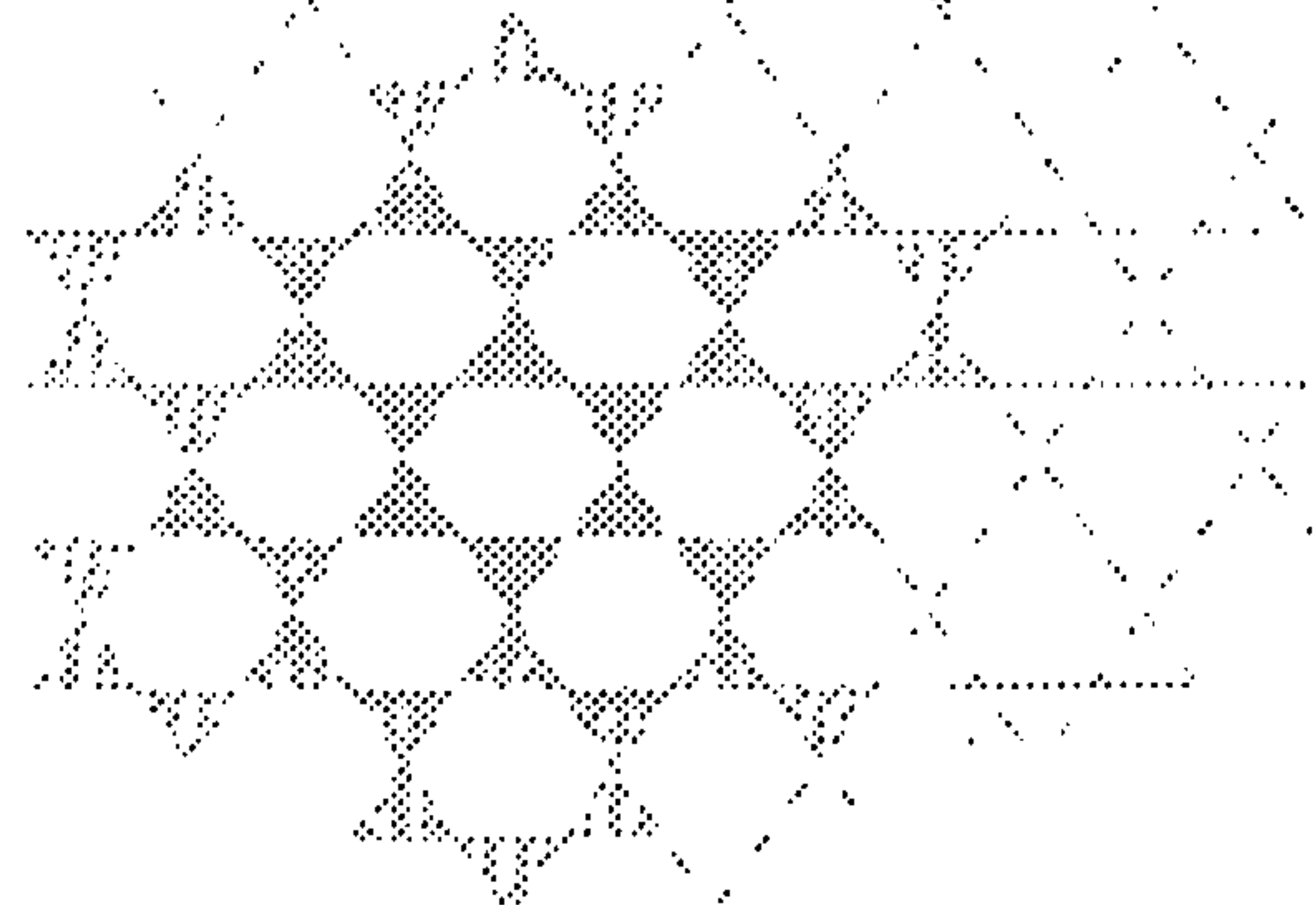
**THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL** is in fine shape, thriving under the attention of dedicated teachers and such generous Temple members as Allan Abrams and Joe Karpen, who helped

the younger children make wooden graegggers for Purim, according to Susan and Micah Ratner. The Third and Fourth graders, says Cindy Vanderwart, continued their study of lessons from the Torah. Mary Ann Jaben, Religious School Director, announced that the last day of Religious School was Sunday, May 18, which was marked by a family picnic.

**MAZEL TOV** to Diane Gergel who placed 5th in her first national tournament, the K-5 division of the North Carolina State Chess Championship, held in Charlotte. And to Tina and Gary Schwartz and family on Aaron's Bar Mitzvah, and to the Friedenberg/Keesler family on Michael's Bar Mitzvah, and Diane and Ed Moan and family on the Bas Mitzvah of their daughter Rebeckah, and to Alesa DuBois and Joel Davis on their recent marriage,

**AND** to grandparents Claire and Jack Orenzo and the rest of the family of Jenny Greene, recent graduate of Reynolds High School, whose achievements are dazzling. Besides being a winner of not only a National Merit Scholarship but of six college and university scholarships plus a Robert C. Byrd Honors and a Rotary Club Scholarship, she won six awards, including one for earning a perfect 800 score on the SAT verbal section and first place in the advanced level of the Asheville Piano Competition.

**A WARM WELCOME** to new member Mrs. Carl Whitt, Jr.





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by the LUNG ASSOCIATION as their MAN OF THE YEAR and the VARIETY CLUB OF ATLANTA for HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR. He also was elected ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR by ATLANTA MAGAZINE three times in recent years.

Jerry is a local TV and radio personality in his own right, much as his brother Barry, the nationally syndicated New York radio talk show host. Jerry also has a best selling book, SEX, WEALTH, AND POWER: HOW TO LIVE WITHOUT THEM.

### YITZHAK RABIN IN WASHINGTON

On May 1-28, 1997, a photographic exhibit highlighting Rabin's years in the nation's capital was exhibited at the Jewish Community Center. The entire community was invited to view this exhibit without charge.

### BAR MITZVAH

Michael and Deborah Beeby invited us to share in the celebration of Mason Moshoures' becoming a Bar Mitzvah. A Kiddush lunch followed the Saturday morning service.

## Temple Beth Or

### Raleigh NC

by Catherine Rieger and Susan Sapinsley

### First Annual Women's Seder

It started with brainstorming, wishing, and a dream. "Why don't we sponsor The Triangle's first women's Seder?" asked Catherine Rieger, co-chair of the Jewish Women's Caucus, Raleigh. There was a long, pregnant silence. Then everyone, speaking at once in enthusiasm for the new idea, said,

"Why not. . . it will be a good statement of the Jewish Women's Caucus's presence in the community and a great way for us to recruit members!"

"We can get Rabbi [Lucy] Dinner [Temple Beth Or, Raleigh] to help us; it will pull all area Jewish women together; oh, my G-d, who will do the kosher cooking, and what do we do first?"

Preliminary assignments were made to the core steering committee which had met for months to develop caucus strategies: Ann Weingold-Hess, program coordinator, Wake County Jewish Federation; Judy Jacobs; president-elect of Temple Beth Or Sisterhood, Maxine Smith; Ann Kirsch-Rubin; and Dr. Barbara Risman.

Plans began in February, but once word was spreading, Ann and Catherine were receiving calls from interested women, some not even affiliated with a synagogue, which is the beauty of the caucus, giving opportunities to experience and further their Jewish beliefs in a new venue.

All along, the group wanted to make

sure the Passover Seder was diverse and met a variety of Jewish and feminist needs. Between February and March's end, plans fell into place; we received a small budget and backing from the Wake Federation; Rabbi Dinner advised us on haggadah contents and service; a publicity flyer was designed; and the decision was made to have a full meal but concentrate on ceremonial foods like charoset and matzah.

Renee Karmy, new to the Jewish community, designed artwork for the flyer and the Haggadah cover, also making charoset with Abby Nathans. Marge Ellin agreed to find parve plastic Seder plates; Catherine received permission from Ma'yan (NYC) to photocopy their new Haggadah, *The Journey Continues*; and Jennifer Adams handled administrative and housekeeping duties at Temple Beth Or. Maxine Smith coordinated food and setup, with Marion Solomon helping on the Seder day, Sunday, April 27, which was Chol Hamoed Pesach.

After months of worrying, it actually was falling into place by Passover week!

A total of 60 women sent in



L-R: Rabbi Lucy H. F. Dinner; Leah Hess, Ann Weingold Hess; Catherine Rieger, Gale Touger.



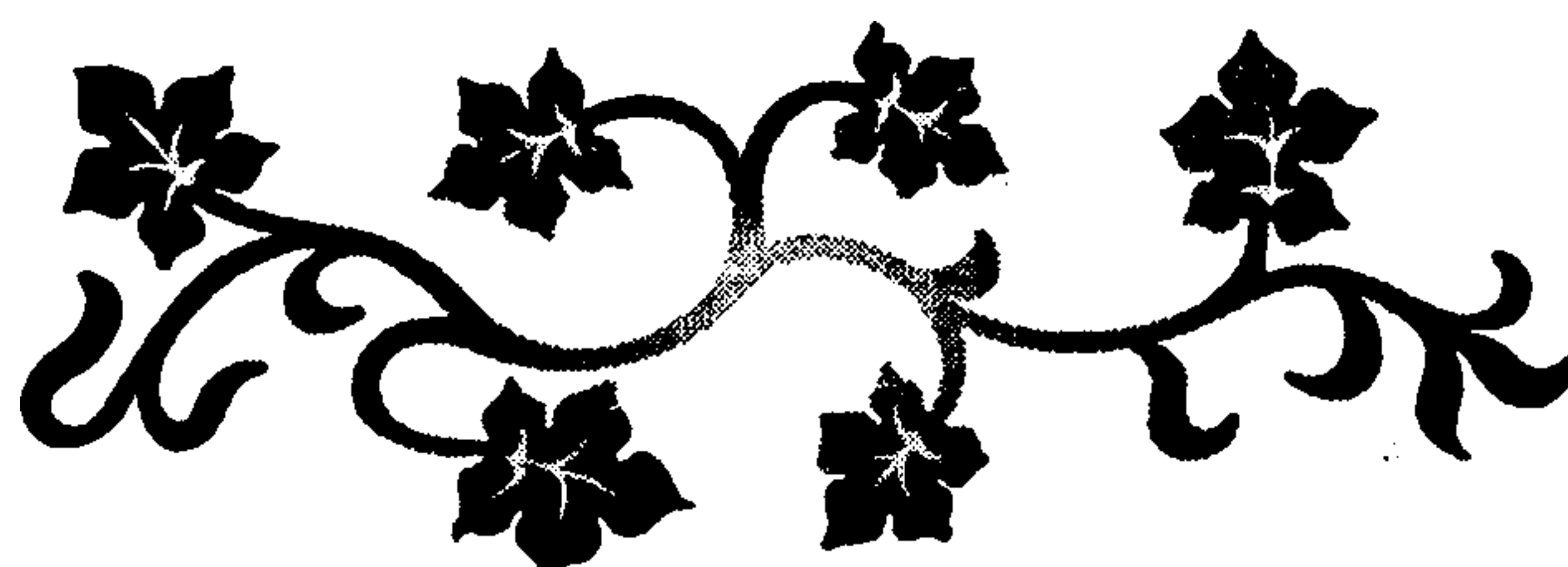
reservations, with 50 actually attending. Gale Touger, director of Beth Or's volunteer choir, led the group in singing, using Debbie Friedman's new tape, "The Journey Continues," as accompaniment.

Rabbi Dinner used a Miriam's cup, filled with spring water, for a special blessing, and passed it around for all participants to see. Young girls, who had accompanied their mothers, searched for the afikomen. Participants read Seder parts, and also had a chance to speak of a woman who had been a significant Jewish role model for them. There was an incredible sense of strength of bonding as women. We were reminded of the roles we have played as women in our heritage, and the contributions we continue to make to the community, our friends, and our families.



**Old age, believe me, is good and pleasant time. It is true that you are quietly shouldered off the stage, but then you are given such a comfortable front seat as spectator, and if you have really played your part you are more content to sit down and watch.**

**Jane Ellen Harrison**





Washington, DC (June 10, 1997)—In the Blue Ridge mountains of western North Carolina, an in-depth weekend of Jewish learning has been taking place every summer for 50 years. One of the country's longest-running Judaic study programs, Little Switzerland, NC, may be off the beaten track, but the B'nai B'rith Wildacres Institute of Judaism has been held there every year and has not only sold out each summer, it has expanded into two distinct sessions known as Wildacres I and II.

Each Institute of Judaism focuses on a theme that is explored in depth by top-notch historians, religious leaders, and authors. Past speakers have included Dennis Praeger, Reuvan Kimmelman, David Wolpe, Elliot Dorf, and Michael Medved, and the late Mordecai Kaplan.

A picturesque mountain retreat on 1,400 acres, Wildacres is dedicated to the betterment of human understanding. The facilities are operated on a nonprofit basis and have been placed in trust by the late Charlotte, NC Jewish philanthropist I.D. Blumenthal. Each August, the facility is kashered, a *mashgiach* supervises meal preparation and kosher meat is brought in from Charlotte.

"Most of us spend too little time acquiring Jewish knowledge and experiencing Judaism. These Institutes allow participants to forget their responsibilities of everyday life and

concentrate on expanding their knowledge in beautiful and peaceful surroundings," says Barbara Stollman, chair of the B'nai B'rith Center for Jewish Identity. The Center hopes to start similar institutes in other parts of the country, she says.

The Institute of Judaism was the brainchild of the late B'nai B'rith activist Maurice Weinstein, who never had the opportunity to receive a Jewish education. He realized that many Jews were poorly informed about their religion and most stopped their formal learning of Judaism after they became bar or bat mitzvah.

Wildacres I—The Theme of the 50th

B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism/Wildacres I, August 11-14, is "A Tapestry of Jewish Thoughts." The lecturers are Jacob Cohen, of Brandeis University; Dr. Emanuel Goldsmith, of the City University of New York; and Dr. Bart Ehrman, of the University of North Carolina.

In addition to scholarly subjects there will also be music, dancing, and theatrical presentations, each with its own distinctly Jewish theme. Religious services, which are optional, will be conducted morning and evening. Each meal will start and end with traditional prayers.

The cost of the Institute is \$230 per person, including room, food, and lodging. For reservations or for more

information, call Hilda and Herb Learner at (919) 847-8842.

Wildacres II—Described as the "heart and soul" of Wildacres II, A. J. Kravtin of Columbus, GA started the second Institute of Judaism 18 years ago to allow more people to attend what was always a soldout program in North Carolina. Kravtin's intent is to expose people to a total Jewish environment. Participants observe Shabbat, eat kosher food, begin and end meals with traditional prayers, and end Shabbat with a Havdalah service. Egalitarian minyans are held each day. "Whether you are Reform, Conservative, or Orthodox, every Jewish person fits right in," says Kravtin. "I get a lot of *naches* from seeing people who go away energized about Judaism."

This year's theme is "The Jewish Self in Jewish Literature" and will feature two experts in the fields of Jewish literature. Professor Janet Hadda of UCLA, author of a new biography on Isaac B. Singer, will lecture on several topics, including "Three Yiddish Writers in Warsaw: The Singer Family."

Professor Marcus Moseley of Harvard University and the author of a recently published book on Jewish autobiographies in Eastern Europe, will discuss "The Cultural Context: The Jewish Self in 19th and 20th Century Jewish Literature."

Total cost of the Institute, which will be held Aug. 7-10, 1997, including meals and lodging, is \$230 per person for the three days. For more information, call the B'nai B'rith Center for Jewish Identity at (202) 857-6577 or Institute co-chair Todd Savitt at (919) 355-6580.

## B'nai B'rith Mountain Retreat for Jewish Study to Celebrate 50 Year Anniversary



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## Organizations

### Chabad of Myrtle Beach Celebrates 10 Years of Service



*Myrtle Beach Mayor Bob Grissom*

The community of Myrtle Beach celebrated Chabad's tenth year with a grand Lag B'omer parade and spectacular Jewish country music concert. The event, which took place on Sunday, May 25, drew hundreds of participants and spectators.

The streets of Myrtle Beach came to life with colorful floats depicting scenes of Jewish life. Children from all across the Carolinas marched in formation with banners proudly displaying their Jewish heritage for all to see.

The Parade was led by the Mayor of Myrtle Beach, Mr. Bob Grissom and by Rabbi Doron Aizenman director of Chabad of Coastal Carolina.

The day began with an elegant banquet at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. The well attended luncheon honored Hugo and Eleanor

Schiller for their dedicated service to Chabad of Myrtle Beach.

Mayor Grissom chaired the banquet and recalled his many years of friendship with the Schillers. Many friends and family members spoke with affection and admiration about the Schillers and their impact on the Myrtle Beach community.

Raymond Schilds spoke in detail of the 30-year history of the Schillers in Myrtle Beach and said, "right from the beginning, we knew that the Schillers would enrich the lives of our Jewish community".

Moshe Yess, a Jewish country and folk singer entertained with favorites like "My Zeide" and "Yiddishe Mameh" in honor of the Schillers.

The focus of the event was the many accomplishments of Chabad and its



many contributions to the local community. Many expressed their admiration towards Rabbi Doron and Leah Aizenman who have led the Chabad effort in Myrtle Beach with the able assistance of Rabbi Yossi and Channie Naparstek.

Following the banquet, guests, friends and parents were joined together for a wonderfully entertaining graduation ceremony. The large crowd was indeed rewarded for their patience with a spectacular special performance.

The stars of the show were the graduates and their teachers. The graduating classes are the fifth and eighth graders at the Chabad School. The performance was led by Rickie Tzick and Channie Naparstek from the Chabad Academy.

A message from President Bill Clinton was read, along with messages from David Beasley, Governor of South Carolina and Strom Thurmond, senior Senator of South Carolina.

At the conclusion of the graduating ceremony, all the participating groups and individuals assembled in front of the massive and beautiful Convention Center and lined up in formation to begin the parade.

The parade marched north on Oak street to the Chabad House where they were treated to an outdoor Jewish and Chassidic music concert and a festive delicious kosher barbecue.



*Hugo and Elanor Schiller at the parade*

The marchers were joined by trolleys carrying dignitaries and colorful floats, fire trucks and exotic cars. One could see groups from all over the

Carolinas marching proudly with their banner. Addlestone Hebrew Academy of Charleston, Hillel Day School of Raleigh, Jewish Day School of Charlotte, Columbia Jewish Day School and Temple Emanuel of Myrtle Beach just to mention a few.

"Today we saw an extraordinary demonstration of Jewish pride in the streets of Myrtle Beach" said Rabbi Aizenman. Streets were closed to traffic as many locals and tourists lined the streets to view the Parade.



*Marching up Oak St.*

"This day summarized the dedicated hard work of the past ten years of Chabad and is only a beginning for the next ten years." said Hugo Schiller.

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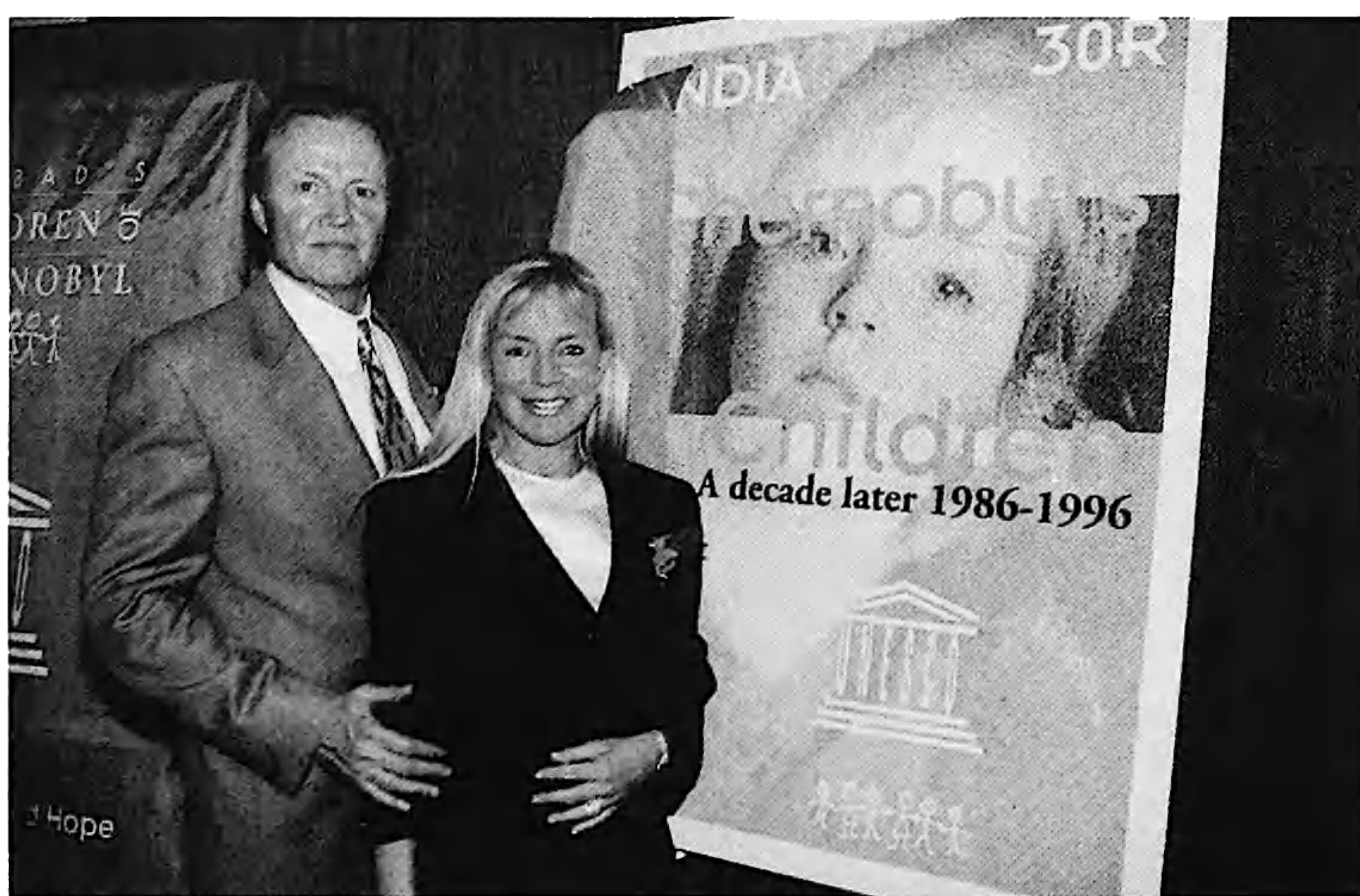
**ANNE MORROW LINDBERGH**



# Chabad's Children of Chernobyl Honored at United Nations

*Elie Wiesel, Jon Voight and Others Join Multi-Nation Effort to Ensure Continuing Aid to Chernobyl's Children*

UNITED NATIONS, — In a dramatic ceremony at the United Nations, Chabad's Children of Chernobyl (CCOC) and its supporters were honored at the launch of an international postal salute to commemorate the 11th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. The postal salute, involving 21 nations, was the joint effort of Chabad's Chernobyl program and UNESCO. Under-Secretary General of the UN, Yasushi Akashi, and UNESCO's UN representative, Nina Sibal, used the occasion to praise Chabad's Children of Chernobyl for its valuable relief work for the Chernobyl children as well as its role in initiating and implementing the postal salute.



*Academy Award winner, Jon Voight, and Chippy Meta of Brazil's Friends of Chabad's Children of Chernobyl unveil the Chernobyl Children's stamp being issued by India as part of the twenty one nation postal salute commemorating the 1986 nuclear disaster.*

"This is an example of the kind of cooperation that can occur when the nations of the world and individuals and organizations join together," said Under-Secretary Akashi. "I wish

to recognize and praise the Chabad organization for their Chernobyl relief work and for their support of UNESCO's efforts to aid the Chernobyl children." In a letter to Chabad, UN secretary-general Kofi Anan applauded the organization's accomplishments and underscored the need for its invaluable work in alleviating the suffering of the Chernobyl children.

The UN ceremony was attended by Ambassadors and dignitaries from around the world. Senator Alphonse D'Amato from New York addressed the gathering saying, "The work of Chabad's Children of Chernobyl is truly remarkable. A program of vision and compassion."

Academy Award winner, Jon Voight, who was the MC of the evening praised the work of Chabad and UNESCO and focused on the uniqueness of the event. "This is a historic event" said Voight. "Twenty-one nations have been brought together by Chabad and UNESCO to reveal the highest of humanity's values: compassion and charity, kindness and concern."

UNESCO Director General Federico Mayor and Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel were the honorary

chairpersons of the UN event. In his address, Mr. Wiesel recognized the Lubavitcher Rebbe as the founder of the Chabad's Children of Chernobyl, and underscored the need for the world's ongoing compassion for the suffering of the Chernobyl children.

CCOC's Israel Director, Yossie Raichik, said, "I salute each of the 21 countries gathered here today who have made a commitment that the Chernobyl children shall not be forgotten. And, I salute the generous individuals gathered here today who have made a commitment to not only save children's lives, but to wipe off their tears and bring smiles to their faces, as well."

Twenty-one nations unveiled colorful, oversized renditions of stamps honoring the work of Chabad's Children of Chernobyl and UNESCO for providing ongoing humanitarian relief in the Chernobyl area. Each stamp was unveiled by the country's ambassador together with one of Chabad's world wide supporters who were being recognized at the event. Former UJA president, Marty Stein, co-chair of the affair, was among those called to unveil a stamp.

The postal salute was the



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